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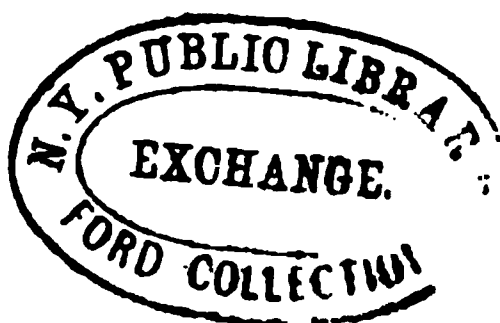
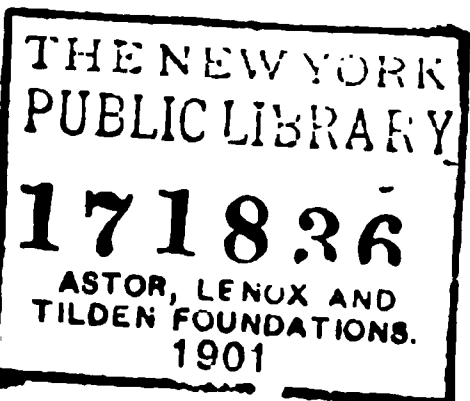
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MATTERS TO WHICH THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF THE CHURCHES IS CALLED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That the General Synod urge upon all the churches in the Particular Synods the making of an annual offering for the current expenses of the Seminary. (Page 96. Res. 6)

REVISION OF CHURCH ROLLS.

The General Synod recommends the churches to make a general revision of the church roll at the beginning of the year 1900, and every fifth year thereafter. (Page 145.)

CLASSICAL AGENTS.

Recommended, That Classical Agents for the Boards be nominated by the Classes every year at the Spring session. (Page 134.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We again recommend this, the oldest and most important of all our Boards, to the attention and earnest support of all our ministers, and especially to all those who occupy their present position through the aid furnished by this agency. (Page 104)

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars be apportioned among the Classes for the General Expense Fund of the Board of Education. (Page 107)

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to use every effort to secure sufficient funds to pay the appropriations recommended by the General Synod to our Western Educational Institutions, and that the churches be urged to make liberal offerings for this purpose. (Page 108)

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Resolved, That the Synod urges on the part of the whole Church a hearty support of the work of the Board of Publication in its business and benevolent work.

Resolved, That Synod recommends to the Sunday Schools of our Church the use of the series of Lesson Helps of our own publication in view of the superiority of these helps, enthusiastically attested by as many as have used them.

Resolved, That Synod recommends to the Church the purchase of all Sunday School supplies so far as possible through the agency of this Board, which offers the very lowest rate, thereby giving to the Board the benefit of the profit. (Pages 137, 138.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the sum of \$120,000, aside from legacies and invested funds, be approved by the Synod as the least sum that will suffice to meet the wants of the missions, that the Board be authorized to apportion this sum as equitably as possible among the various Classes, and that the pastors, officers and members of our churches be affectionately urged to do their utmost to raise this amount.

That \$8,000 be urgently recommended as our least possible contribution to the Arabian Mission.

That the first Sabbath of November be set apart by all our churches for prayer for Foreign Missions, and that, so far as may be, sermons be preached upon the subject and special offerings be made.

That the *Mission Field*, *Gleaner*, *Day Star*, mission leaflets, &c., of the Board be commended to the churches, whose pastors will aid in such work advantageously by securing their general circulation.

That the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting, admirably adapted for imparting missionary information and an increase of missionary interest, be strongly urged upon every pastor and every church.

That we recommend our pastors and elders to use their utmost endeavors to awaken the interest and secure the active co-operation of the Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of the churches in the work of Foreign Missions. (Pages 122, 123.)

Too much praise cannot be given to the Christian women of our Church for their enterprise in all this mission work. To them and their Board the Church at large is indebted for invaluable help both in gifts and inspiration. \$36,216, this large amount is the indication and result of their pious zeal. This sum, larger than that of any previous year, is but the promise of wider work and larger sustainments in the happy years to come. (Page 120.)

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the sum of \$120,000, including whatever may be received for the Church Building Fund, is the least that can adequately meet the needs of the Board of Domestic Missions during the present fiscal year, and that the Board be directed to apportion this sum among the several Classes.

Resolved, That the fourth Sabbath of February be set apart by all our churches for prayer for our country and Domestic Missions, and that, so far as may be, sermons be preached upon the subject and special offerings be made for the use of the Board of Domestic Missions. (Page 128.)

Resolved, That we congratulate the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions upon the faithful and successful labor of the past year, and recognizing the Committee as an essential factor in the evangelization of our own land we solicit for the work the hearty co-operation of all the women of our Reformed Church. (Page 129.)

Resolved, That we congratulate the Board upon securing the services of the Rev. William Walton Clark whom we most heartily commend to the churches. (Page 130.)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Resolved, That this Synod once more emphatically commends the Christian Endeavor Missionary League to all our churches, pastors, consistory and young people and urge upon all our Young People's Missionary Organizations, not now otherwise closely connected with our denominational work, that they affiliate themselves with the League and heartily support its methods and objects. (Page 129)

WIDOWS' FUND.

Resolved. That we deplore the fact that only 195 churches out of 634 churches have contributed to this much needed fund.

Resolved, That we most earnestly entreat the Classical Agents to use their utmost endeavors to have each church in their respective Classes take at least an annual offering for this fund. (Page 141.)

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Recommended, That all Classes that have not appointed Agents be urged most earnestly to do so.

That every church be solicited to make as large an offering as possible to this fund.

If repetition can add force, we would repeat the call of all Synods for the last score of years, and beg that this fund which appeals so strongly both to our justice and our mercy have a larger place in the thought and effort of the whole denomination.

There is need, great need, of a forward movement in this matter : something ought to be done. No Classis should be willing to do, as some have done, contribute through all its churches one tenth of the amount which it draws from the fund for the aid of its disabled ministers. (Pages 142, 143.)

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

General Synod urges all the members of our churches and of our Sunday Schools to abstain from the secular use of the day and to influence others to do the same.

Deplores the increased use of the bicycle for Sunday pleasure riding, and the reading of the Sunday newspaper in Christian families, and urges the pastors in preaching on the Fourth Commandment to speak plain on these subjects.

Recommends, That an offering be taken some time during the year for the benefit of the American Sabbath Union and the Women's National Alliance, and that the proceeds be sent to A. S. Bacon, Treasurer, 34 Wall Street, New York City. (Page 165.)

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Resolved, That pastors and consistories be urged to adopt any approved plan or every proper plan to secure offerings from all.

That the Classes be requested to appoint Classical Agents for the furtherance of this work.

That pastors be urged to consider the desirability of preaching an annual sermon on benevolence, teaching our churches to remember how Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Page 172.)

AMSTERDAM CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolved, That the Synod call the attention of all our churches, and especially of the older ones that formed the *nuclei* of the Denomination in its present greatness, to the effort now in progress to secure this invaluable historical information, and request them to make liberal donations toward it, or annual contributions for four years. (Page 251.)

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily indorses the American Tract Society, and reaffirms the action of previous Synods in commending to the liberality of our churches the benevolent work in which it is engaged. (Page. 163)

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Resolved, That in view of the great importance of the work conducted by the American Bible Society, and in view of its being a cause so peculiarly worthy to be remembered with offerings, the Synod urges increased contributions to this blessed Bible cause. (Page 164.)

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion recommended to be read by the pastors from the pulpit will be found on page 186.

"THE CHRISTIAN INTELLIGENCER."

Whereas, *The Christian Intelligencer* is a most excellent religious paper, which has long been, and still is published distinctively in the interests of the Reformed Church, and which no other contemporary paper can take the place of in the home when it is sought to keep intelligently informed respecting the ecclesiastical, mission operations and other enterprises of the Church, Therefore

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends *The Christian Intelligencer* to the members of the Reformed Church. (Page 260.)

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE GRAND AVENUE REFORMED CHURCH, ASBURY PARK, N. J., ON WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT, AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M., AND ADJOURNED ON WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, AT TEN-THIRTY-FIVE P. M.

FORMATION OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was called to order by the President, the Rev. Charles W. Fritts, D.D., who opened the meeting with prayer, and presided until the new officers were elected. In the evening Dr. Fritts preached the Synodical sermon from Luke ix: 32: "They saw his glory."

JUNE, 1898.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—*Minister*, William I. Chamberlain.CLASSIS OF HUDSON—*Ministers*, Geo. H. Burrill, F. V. Van Vranken, Chalmers P. Dyke. *Elders*, Geo. M. Hardee, A. J. Ten Broeck.CLASSIS OF KINGSTON—*Ministers*, Samuel T. Searle, John L. McNair, Joseph Millett. *Elders*, A. G. DeWitt, M. Oakley, J. W. Gardiner.NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*, J. S. N. Demarest, Franz Hartig, Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Alfred Duncombe. *Elder*, H. H. Shook.SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*, Benj. E. Dickhaut, John S. Gardner, Peter V. Van Buskirk, Nicholas Pearse. *Elders*, John P. Van Pelt, Joseph C. Pool.CLASSIS OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*, Edward B. Coe, D.D., Wm. W. Clark, Henry M. Cox, F. S. Schenck, D.D. *Elders*, John S. Bussing, John C. Giffing, W. F. Layton, E. Cutter, M.D., W. H. Jackson.CLASSIS OF ORANGE—*Ministers*, Edwin O. Moffet, J. L. Stillwell, Henry Unglaub, James E. Bernart.CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE—*Ministers*, J. Edward Lyall, Wm. A. Dumont, J. Howard Suydam, D.D. *Elders*, John W. Champlin, William Thompson, James C. Ackerman.CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER—*Ministers*, C. H. Tyndall, Arthur F. Mabon, Thomas E. Inglis.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY—*Ministers*, J. Lansing Pearse, J. Van Westenberg. *Elders*, H. H. DeRouville, W. L. M. Phelps.

CLASSIS OF GREENE—*Ministers*, F. S. Barnum, W. D. Ward, Eugene Hill. *Elders*, Frederick Saxe, A. G. Case, H. S. Howe.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY—*Ministers*, I. J. Van Hee, F. E. Schleider, J. R. Kyle, E. J. Blekkink, J. D. Peters, P. S. Beekman. *Elders*, Henry Ernst, W. Servoss, N. W. Donnan, Adam Smith, Jacob Dievendorf, Giles H. Mount.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER—*Ministers*, P. T. Phelps, J. Laubenheimer, Edward A. Collier, D.D. *Elders*, C. H. Porter, J. Moore, W. H. Rainey.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*, A. H. Strabbing, S. Rederus, D. L. Betten. *Elder*, Isaac Mahieu.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA—*Ministers*, J. H. Brandow, C. W. Clowe.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY—*Ministers*, George G. Seibert, M. R. Gordon, C. P. Ditmars. *Elder*, Tunis C. Pearse.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE—*Ministers*, DeWitt G. Rockefeller, James Jongeneel, W. W. Whitney. *Elders*, F. L. Casper, Daniel H. Sitzler.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER—*Ministers*, B. C. Lippincott, D. Wortman, D.D., A. J. Sebring. *Elders*, James E. Van Aken, T. S. Smith.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

CLASSIS OF DAKOTA—*Minister*, A. G. Zigeler.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*, D. Broek, P. Ihrman, J. W. Warnshuis. *Elders*, Wm. Bommelje, M. Aleman, A. Vroegindewey.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND—*Ministers*, G. De Jonge, J. Poppen, Ph. D., B. W. Lammers. *Elders*, B. Riksen, Jacob Den Herder.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS—*Ministers*, S. Van der Werf, P. Moredyke, D. D., J. N. Hutchinson. *Elders*, Jas. B. Van Arsdale, C. Rynsburger.

CLASSIS OF IOWA—*Ministers*, P. De Pree, D.D., J. F. Zwemer, S. M. Zwemer, F. R. G. S., M. Kolyn. *Elders*, P. H. De Jong, H. De Jong.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN—*Ministers*, J. T. Bergen, W. H. Williamson, J. P. Winter. *Elders*, J. J. Van Zoeren, A. Bouma.

CLASSIS OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE—

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN—*Ministers*, J. Broek, C. Heines, A. Oosterhof, H. Harmeling. *Elder*, H. Stuit.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN—*Ministers*, Artemas Dean, D.D., W. R. Ackert, M. J. Roop. *Elders*, Peter Bogert, Henry C. Steinhoff, E. D. Howland.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN—*Ministers*, John F. Morgan, Cornelieus Brett, D.D., Emil A. Meury. *Elders*, Thomas M. Ward, N. M. Whipple, Sr., Louis Steck.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH—*Ministers*, G. Wyckoff, P. Stryker, D.D., B. B. Staats. *Elders*, J. H. Van Mater, J. O. Green, M.D.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK—*Ministers*, J. N. Morris, I. V. W. Schenck, D. Sage Mackay, D.D. *Elders*, Peter Van Zee, G. L. Van Emburgh, T. C. Van Reyper.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*, M. H. Hutton, D.D., James Le Fevre, D.D., John H. Raven. *Elders*, C. S. Edgar, Austin Scott, Ph.D., LL D., James Stothoff.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS—*Ministers*, W. Johnston, T. W. Welles, D.D., A. A. King, Isaac Van Kampen. *Elders*, E. F. Knapp, Anthony Post, Abram Banta, Jr., W. P. Millar, A. Z. Winter.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC—*Ministers*, Geo. W. Labaw, J. B. Church, Ferdinand S. Wilson. *Elder*, J. R. Vanderbeck.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*, H. C. Willoughby, C. S. Wyckoff, O. M. Voorhees. *Elders*, Wm. Hamilton, Thos. L. Wilgus.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN—*Ministers*, A. J. Hageman, Minor Swick, B. V. D. Wyckoff. *Elders*, John F. Van Derveer, Wm. H. Dolliver, George Stillwell.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived on the second day—*Ministers*, Wm. J. Chamberlain, Joseph Millett, James E. Bernart, Emil A. Meury, O. M. Voorhees. *Elder*, Giles H. Mount.

Third Day—*Minister*, C. W. Clowe.

Sixth Day—*Elder*, Daniel H. Sitzer.

Seventh Day—*Elder*, Wm. H. Jackson.

EXCUSED.

Fourth Day.—*Ministers*, M. Oakley, J. S. N. Demarest, Isaac Van Kampen. *Elders*, I. J. Ten Broeck, John S. Bussing, F. L. Casper, A. Z. Winter.

Sixth Day.—*Ministers*, Thomas E. Inglis. *Elders*, Jacob Dievendorf, Abram Banta, Jr.

Seventh Day.—*Ministers*, Edwin O. Moffett, Eugene Hill, C. W. Clowe, W. W. Whitney, J. T. Bergen, J. N.

Morris. *Elders*, John W. Chamberlain, A. G. Case, H. S. Howe, W. Servoss, C. H. Porter, Tunis, C. Pearse, Thomas M. Ward, Thomas L. Wilgus.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., LL.D., was elected President.

Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, F. R. G. S., was elected Vice-President.

Revs. Winfred R. Ackert and Jerry P. Winter were elected Clerks pro tem.

Rev. John F. Morgan was elected Press Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular session were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

The Bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

1. BOARD OF DIRECTION. Elders—William L. M. Phelps, Austin Scott, Jacob Den Herder, John C. Giffing, W. H. Rainey.

2. PROFESSORATE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES—Ministers—F. S. Schenck, Jas. Le Fevre, F. S. Barnum, W. H. Williamson. Elders—W. F. Layton, William Thompson, Adam Smith, P. H. De Jong, J. O. Green, M.D.

3. EDUCATION, ACADEMIES AND COLLEGES. Ministers—Alfred Duncombe, Peter De Pree, J. T. Bergen. Elders—John S. Bussing, Thomas M. Ward.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION. Ministers—P. S. Phelps, George C. Seibert, I. V. W. Schenck. Elders—J. H. Van Mater, H. Stuit.

5. DOMESTIC MISSIONS AND CHURCH BUILDING FUND. Ministers—T. W. Welles, B. B. Staats, M. J. Roop. Elders—Austin Scott, W. H. Dolliver.

6. FOREIGN MISSIONS. Ministers—Denis Wortman, J. Howard Suydam, C. S. Wyckoff. Elders—Anthony Post, Isaac Mahieu.

7. PUBLICATION. Ministers—Arthur F. Mahon, Garret Wyckoff, George H. Burrill. Elders—A. Bouma, E. Cutter, M.D.

8. WIDOWS' FUND. Ministers—John L. McNair, B. C. Lippincott, A. Oosterhof. Elders—A. G. De Witt, Thomas L. Wilgus.

9. DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND. Ministers—J. Edward Lyall, D. Broek, Artemas Dean. Elders—J. J. Van Zoerm, W. P. Millar.

10. OVERTURES. Ministers—E. A. Collier, Eugene Hill, P. V. Van Buskirk. Elders—G. L. Van Emburgh, M. Oakley.

11. SYNODICAL MINUTES AND REFERENCES. Ministers—S. T. Searle, A. A. King, J. R. Kyle. Elders—J. W. Champlain, W. Servoss.

12. JUDICIAL BUSINESS. M. H. Hutton, Cornelius Brett, B. V. D. Wyckoff. Elders—H. H. Shook, Joseph Poole.

13. CORRESPONDENCE. Ministers—John S. Gardner, F. V. Van Vranken, J. Broek. Elders—N. W. Donnan, Peter Bogert.

14. BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES. Ministers—H. Harmeling, C. P. Dyke, J. H. Raven. Elders—H. C. Steinhoff, A. Vroegindewy.

15. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE. Ministers—J. F. Zwemer, H. C. Willoughby, M. R. Gorden. Elders—E. D. Howland, J. Moore.

16. STATE OF RELIGION. Ministers—Edward B. Coe, Henry M. Cox, A. J. Hegeman, E. J. Blekkink. Elders—F. L. Casper, Peter Van Zee.

17. **NECROLOGY.** Ministers—J. S. N. Demarest, C. P. Ditmars, J. W. Warnshius, B. B. Staats.

18. **ACCOUNTS.** Ministers—G. W. Labaw, J. Laubheimer, A. H. Strabbing. Elders—George Stillwell, William Bommelje.

19. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE.** Ministers—A. J. Sebring, B. E. Dickhaut, James Jongeneel. Elders—M. Aleman, J. W. Gardiner.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received :

The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, with the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property. Both reports were referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary. Referred to the same committee.

The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary in Arcot, India. Referred to the same committee.

Notice of Rev. James F. Riggs, D.D., of his intended resignation as Professor in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, letter of the President of Synod to the Stated Clerk notifying him of the intended resignation, the resignation of Prof. Riggs and request for dismissal to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, also nominations of the Classes for Professor to fill the vacancy. All referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

Nominations by the Classes for the Boards of Superintendents of the Theological Seminaries. Referred to

the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

Requests from several Classes for dispensations for students. Referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

Nominations by the Classes for Classical Agents for the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards, for the Board of Education and for the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds. Referred to the committees on these objects.

Papers in the case of Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., of Orangeburgh, South Carolina, applying for admission to the Classis of New York, with the request to take his work among the colored people under its care, and referred by the Classis of New York to the General Synod. Referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Appeal of the First Reformed Church of Wormser City, Montana, to the General Synod from decisions by the Particular Synod of Chicago, May 4th and 5th, 1898, at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and several papers connected with the appeal. Referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Invitations from the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Catskill, the Consistory and Congregation of the Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J., and the Reformed Church, Thousand Isles, Alexandria Bay, to the General Synod to hold its meeting in June, 1899, in their respective churches. Also proposals from the Prospect Park Hotel, Catskill, with reference to the entertainment of those who may attend the meetings of Synod. Referred to the Committee on the Next Place of Meeting.

Application by the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, for a recommendation of Pleasant Prairie College to the Board of Education for aid to the amount of one thousand dollars. Referred to the Committee on the Board of Education.

Petition from the Classis of Pleasant Prairie for a German translation of the Liturgy. Referred to the Committee on Board of Publication.

Action of the Classis of Wisconsin taken with refer-

ence to the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Roseland, Ill. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A memorial from some of the Student Volunteers belonging to the Reformed Church. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

An overture from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick concerning revision of church rolls. Referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An overture from the Classis of Grand River to have the blanks sent to the churches under the care of the Board of Domestic Missions, so changed in wording as to recognize the status of the pastors. Referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

An overture from the Classis of Rochester for help to defray the expenses of their delegates to the General Synod. Referred to the Committee on Board of Direction.

Request from Rev. A. De Witt Mason to be heard on work among Young People and on Missionary Literature. Saturday morning after the opening of Synod was appointed.

Credentials from Corresponding delegates from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Invitation from the Secretary of the General Assembly of The Evangelical Church of Italy to the Synod, to be represented by deputation or letter at their meeting in Florence from the twelfth to the fifteenth of October next. Referred to the same committee.

A communication from the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands. Referred to the same committee.

A communication from the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Cape Colony, South Africa. Referred to the same committee.

Reply from the Secretary of the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the greeting of the General Synod. Referred to the same committee.

A communication from Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D., Secretary of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Referred to the same committee.

Certificate of the appointment of Rev. M. H. Hutton, D.D., to represent the Alliance of Reformed Churches before the General Synod. Referred to the same committee.

Reply from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., to the greeting of the General Synod. Referred to the same committee.

A letter from the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England, introducing Rev. Charles Albert Berry, D.D., to our churches in the interest of International Arbitration. Referred to the same committee,

Report of Rev. W. P. Bruce, Corresponding Delegate to the United Presbyterian Church, with a copy of his letter to that body. Referred to the same committee.

A communication from Elder W. P. Millar concerning the Aged Ministers' Fund. Referred to the Committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

A request from Rev. I. W. Hathaway, D.D., Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, to be heard by the Synod in behalf of that society on Friday or Saturday. Friday afternoon appointed.

A communication from the National Association of Merchants and Travelers. Referred to the Committee on Next Place of Meeting.

A communication concerning a Divorce Law which it is desired to have passed by the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Referred to the special Committee on National Affairs.

A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League. Referred to the Committee on Benevolent Societies.

A request from the Century Co. that the hymn book, "In Excelsis," be referred to a committee for examination, with a view to endorsement by the Synod. Referred to the Committee on Board of Publication.

Rev. Wm. J. Leggett, Corresponding Delegate to the

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Canada, presented his report. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication from the Civil Corporation of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, requesting the Synod, unless certain conditions are complied with, to return the portrait of Dr. Bethune now in the Gardiner A. Sage Library. Referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A letter from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, a reply to the communication of Rev. Jas. Demarest, Corresponding Delegate to that body. Read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following report, with the accompanying documents, was received from the Board of Direction, and was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with the exception of the papers relating to the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund, which were referred to the committee on these funds; and the papers relating to Missions and Education, which were referred to the committees on these objects.

Report of Board of Direction.

To the General Synod :

In connection with the Treasurer's report, the Board of Direction has only a brief one of its own to present. Owing to the more prompt payments of interest, the income accruing to the various funds remain about the same as for the previous year; nevertheless the steady reduction of interest on mortgages renders a larger endowment for the Seminary and other funds almost imperative. We are happy to say that through a bequest, received since the last report, from Miss Sarah Bayly, of \$15,098.83 (on account), the Widows Fund has increased to \$105,833.04; yet, owing to the many calls upon it, the payments have still been in excess of income.

On the other hand, the Disabled Ministers Fund, important as it is, has not fared so well; being in itself smaller (\$63,293.13), and having received only the balance of a legacy (\$70) from Mrs. Hannah O. Beebe.

Its receipts have been, from churches.....	\$3,225.11
From interest.....	2,917.91
Payments.....	6,954.96
Excess of payments.....	811.84

So numerous and often pathetic have been the year's applications for help from this fund, that we have been obliged to draw upon the steadily decreasing reserve, (now \$2,723.64) to cover the above excess of payments.

As Synod's Entertainment Fund, which we hold in trust, is for the time being larger than usual and larger (to the amount mentioned) than it will be necessary to reserve for Synod's uses during the coming year, the Board would suggest the following concerning it. For the last seven years, General Synod has met at Asbury Park, at inconvenience to itself for want of sufficient church accom-

modations. It has, also, for this length of time been receiving from the local church, of which Rev. Dr. Stryker is now Pastor, a generous hospitality to the extent of their means, and without any substantial return. Since they are now building a lecture room, an addition to the Church which will be of service not only to themselves but to the Synod, it is the suggestion of the Board that Synod appropriate \$1,000—half the cost—out of the Entertainment Fund, for the above mentioned purpose.

It will be seen that the Treasurer's account has been signed by Messrs. Tucker and Jackson of the Board as Committee of Audit, Mr. A. A. Raven, in behalf of Synod, having been unable to attend to the duty. It may be mentioned, however, that the Board's bank account is examined monthly by a committee, and that for the last four years an experienced Accountant has been employed to make thorough examinations, and such suggestions as seemed to him desirable.

Mr. Frederick Frelinghuysen is the member whose term of office expires with this meeting of Synod.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON,	A. G. VERMILYE,
<i>President.</i>	JOHN J. TUCKER,
FRANK R. VAN NEST,	F. FRELINGHUYSEN,
<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>Directors.</i>

NEW YORK, May 16, 1898.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America

IN ACCOUNT WITH

FRANK R. VAN NEST, Treasurer.

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1897			
May 1	To Cash paid	Widows' Fund, Annuities	\$4,100
		Disabled Ministers' Fund, Appropriations.....	8,187 50
		Deficiency, Minutes of 1895, Board of Publication.	75 25
		Deficiency, Minutes of 1896, Board of Publication.	89 43
13		Board of Education, interest on account.....	1,500
		Rev. J. H. Vanden Hook, withdrawn 75 per cent.	
		of personal payments to Widows' Fund.....	30
		Rev. C. Brett, D.D., travelling expenses attending	
		April meeting Council of Hope College.....	48
		Rev. James F. Zwemer, travelling expenses attend-	
		ing April meeting Council of Hope College.....	12
		Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, travelling expenses attending	
		April meeting Council of Hope College.....	7 60
15		Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D., travelling expenses	
		attending meeting B'd of Sup'dts Western	
		Theol. Seminary.	43 50
		Rev. A. Paige Peeke, travelling expenses attending	
		meeting B'd of Sup'dts Western Theol. Seminary	49 50
		Rev. A. Buursma, travelling expenses attending	
		meeting B'd of Sup'dts Western Theol. Seminary	3
		Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D., travelling expenses	
		attending meeting B'd of Sup'dts Western	
		Theol. Seminary.....	5
		Rev. J. P. De Jonge, travelling expenses attending	
		meeting B'd of Sup'dts Western Theol. Seminary	2 25
		D. J. De Jonge, travelling expenses attending	
		meeting B'd of Sup'dts Western Theol. Seminary	7 75
22		Rev. C. Van Santvoord, D.D., travelling expenses	
		attending Prof. Woodbridge's 40th Anniversary	
		as Professor in Theol. Seminary	10
25		Taxes of 1896 on property 613 W. 49th St., N. Y.,	
		foreclosure	134 22
		Water rate, 1896, on property 613 W. 49th St.,	
		N. Y. foreclosure.....	40 35
		Property 25 E. 22d St., gas bills Jan. 7 to May 6.	
		.....	32 12
29		Water rates, 1897, on Brooklyn properties.....	188
		Water rates, 1897, on Bangor flats, Brooklyn.	83
		Water rates, 1897, on property 400a 13th St.,	
		Brooklyn, for account Arcot Theol. Seminary	
		Fund.....	18
		Water rates, 1897, on property 80 and 82 E. Broad-	
		way, Flatbush.....	9
June 1		Salaries of Profs. Woodbridge, Demarest and	
		Riggs to date.....	1,875
		Prof. J. P. Searle, salary to date....	680 80
		Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary to date, balance.....	179 93
		Prof. E. Winter, salary to date.....	152 95
		Sundry bills, repairs, etc., to Brooklyn properties	
		to March 15	1,352 69
		Sundry bills, repairs, etc., to property 400a 13th	
		St., Brooklyn, for account Arcot Theol. Seminary	
		Fund.....	49 52
3		Disabled Ministers' Fund, appropriation to Mrs.	
		S. E. Ferris.....	50
		Amount carried forward.....	14,016 45

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1897		Amount brought forward.....	14,016 45
June 3		To Cash paid property 25 E. 22d St., W. H. Ivers, plumbing bills to 1st inst.....	14 35
		Disabled Ministers' Fund, 500 letter forms.....	2 25
		Sundry bills, repairs, etc., to Brooklyn properties to May 20.....	712 13
		Sundry bills, repairs, etc., to property 400a 18th St., Brooklyn, for account Arcot Theol. Seminary Fund.....	48 57
		Geo. H. Ray, Painting, etc., houses 80 and 82 E. Broadway, Flatbush.....	162
		Property 25 E. 22d St., Janitor's wages to 1st inst.....	38 40
10		Bond and Mortgage, Mrs. Margaret Scott, bal.....	1,000
15		A. Terhune, entertainment bill.....	411 50
		Miss E. W. Mulford, entertainment bill.....	210 50
		Miss E. R. Kirk, entertainment bill.....	169
		Marion N. Myers, entertainment bill.....	122 50
		Miss K. A. Wyatt, entertainment bill.....	94
		Travers & Trumpbour, entertainment bill.....	79
		Mrs. M. F. Wagner, entertainment bill.....	74 50
		Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., entertainment bills..	60 75
		Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., car fare, envelopes, postage, printing, etc.....	6 75
		Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., salary as Permanent Clerk.....	200
		Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., sundry expenses, car fare, stationery, postage, etc.....	5 03
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., postage, mailing Dr. Stryker's sermon.....	27 65
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., stamped envelopes, stationery, postage, expressage, and car fares...	16 84
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., for printing roll of delegates to General Synod.....	9 50
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., paid sexton Ref. Church and janitor Educational Hall, Asbury Park.....	20
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., salary as Stated Clerk.....	250
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., expenses of Committee on Sunday-schools and C. I. instruction.....	8 50
		Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., expenses of Western delegates.....	716 33
		Board of Education, interest on account.....	1,000
		Prof. J. W. Beard-lee, salary to May 13.....	300
		Prof. Hy. E. Dosker, salary on account.....	175
		Jas. D. Putnam, making deed for property 613 W. 49th Street, N. Y.....	5
17		J. H. Bolton, commission collecting rents, Brooklyn properties, to May 1.....	227 90
		J. H. Bolton, commission collecting rents, prop. 400a 18th St., Brooklyn, to May 1, for account Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	15 15
21		Jas. Suydam Fund, for repairs to professorial dwellings, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	75
		Jas. Suydam Legacy, for repairs and imp. Seminary buildings and grounds, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer...	500
		Jas. Suydam Legacy, for maintenance of Jas. Suydam Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	150
		G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer	100
		G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer	180
		G. A. Sage Fund, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	175
		Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for repairs to P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	50
		Rev. J. H. Whitehead, entertainment bill.....	4 25
		Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., entertainment bill....	8 50
		John Wilson & Son, 150 copies examination papers for Theological Seminary at N. Brunswick	15
		J. Heidingsfeld, 400 folders, commencement program Theological Seminary at N. Brunswick	6 50
		Chas. Banks, opening 2d Reformed Church, New Brunswick for commencement exercises.....	3
		Amount carried forward.....	21,466 80

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1897	Amount brought forward.	\$21,466 80
June 21	To cash paid Rev. P. T. Pockman, D. D., salary as stated clerk Board of Syn ts Seminary at N. Brunswick.	25
	Expenses packing library of late W. R. Gordon, D.D., for Western Theological Seminary.	18 75
	Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers, interest to June 20. F. Frelinghuysen, Treasurer.	232 27
	Travers & Trumbour, entertainment bill, Rev. J. A. De Spelder, additional.	75
26	Water rate 1897, on prop. 360 8th Ave., Brooklyn, for account, P. Boyle	16 23
30	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D. D., expenses attending June meeting Council of Hope College.	48 70
	Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, expenses attending June meeting Council of Hope College	5 25
July 1	Property 25 E. 22d St., awning for window, 4th floor Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to date . . .	2 75 38 40
9	Mrs. C. Boyle, for account, P. Boyle.	25
	Fidelity Storage & Warehouse Co. storage, etc., for account, P. Boyle	27
	Water rate, 1897, prop. 83 E. Broadway, Flatbush. Arcot Theol. Seminary Fund, refund Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, coupon not paid.	23 25
12	Hope College End Fund, bal. of interest to May 1st, C. Doesburg, Treasurer	771 62
	Board of Publication, folding Rev. Dr. Stryker's Synodical sermon	28 69
13	Rev. W. H. Ten Eck, D.D., Per. Clerk entertain- ment bills.	18
14	G. A. Sage Fund, for maint. of G. A. Sage Li- brary, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.	300
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appro. to Mrs. Julia Cornell	37 50
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appro. to Rev. John H. Smock.	50
19	Bond and mortgage, loan to John J. H. Poillon. . .	15,000
28	Water rate 1897, prop. 613 W. 49th St., N. Y.	87
	Water rate 1897, prop. 25 E. 22d St., N. Y.	27
30	Property 25 E. 22d St., relaying sidewalk.	7
Aug. 2	Property 25 E. 22d St., interest on bond and mort- gage to 1st Mrs. A. S. Pyne	900
	Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary on account.	200
	Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to 1st.	38 40
6	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary on acct. to June 1. .	87
12	Sundry bills, repairs, etc., Brooklyn properties, month of July	335 01
	Sundry bills, repairs, etc., property 400a 13th St, Brooklyn, for acct. Arcot Theol. Seminary Fund . .	19 39
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appro. Rev. Henry Mattice.	50 00
16	Bond and mortgage, loan to Maria S. Simpson. . .	8,500
	Accrued interest on same Mar. 23 to Aug. 17.	171 18
	Deed for prop., 104 Macon St., Brooklyn.	75 00
	Property 25 E. 22d St., gas bills May 6 to Aug. 5. .	9 20
	175 annual reports Board of Direction and Treas- urer's annual statement.	18 90
	Sundry supplies, stationery, etc., for meeting of General Synod.	5 56
	500 entertainment cards	2 50
	Insurance on Winant's Chapel and Graves Library, Hoiland, Mich.	82 50
	Insurance on prop. 80 and 82 Broadway, Flatbush " " 400a 13th St., Brooklyn, for ac- count Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.	18 4 50
	W. R. Reed, legal pads for Theological Seminary at New Brunswick	2 25
	Repairs property 456 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn. .	4
	Property 25 E. 22d St., B. Susmann, bill of repairs.	1 30
23	Bond and mortgage, on account loan to Chas. J. Kiesel.	1,000
	I. N. Collier, legal expenses in settlement estate of Sarah Bayly, legacy to Widow's Fund.	175
	Amount carried forward.	\$49,931 40

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1897	Amount brought forward.....	\$67,545 68
Nov. 5	To Cash paid G. A. Sage Fund, for maint. P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	525
	J. Suydam Legacy for maint. J. Suydam Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	185
	J. Suydam Legacy, for rep. and imp. of Seminary buildings and grounds, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer...	150
	J. Suydam Fund, for repairing and improving Professorial dwellings, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer...	50
	Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for repair of P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	325
6	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, bal. of salary to Sept. 1st.	189
15	On account of disbursements in foreclosure mortgage on property 66 and 68 Willoughby St., Brooklyn.....	150
19	Prof. J. G. Lansing, on account of salary to Dec. 1st.....	100
	Property 25 E. 22d St., gas bills, Aug. 5 to Nov. 5.	16 44
	Property 25 E. 22d St., cleaning furnaces and repairing door checks.....	4 75
	Property 25 E. 22d St., ice bill June 1 to Oct. 25..	7 35
	Fidelity Storage & Warehouse Co., storage, for account, P. Boyle.....	12
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appro. to Mrs. I. L. Bagley.....	65
	Freight charges, etc., on Library of late W. R. Gordon, D.D., to Western Theol. Sem., balance	10 21
29	Assessment on Bangor flats for grading and paving Hin-dale St., Brooklyn.....	86 93
Dec	Salaries of Profs. Woodbridge, Demarest and Riggs to date.....	1,875
	Prof. J. P. Searle, salary to date.....	625
	Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary to date, balance.....	290
	Prof. E. Winter, salary to date.....	375
	Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	300
	Aug. Elmendorf Theological Educational Fund, interest on account, Prof. J. P. Searle, Sec'y...	50
	Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to date....	38 40
19	Prof. J. G. Lansing, on account of salary.....	200
15	Taxes of 1897 and assessments on Brooklyn properties.....	2,180 12
	Taxes of 1897 on prop. 400a 18th St., Brooklyn, for account Arcot Theological Seminary Fund..	86 20
	Education Fund, int. on acct., Bd. of Education..	2,000
16	Water rate 1897, on store 360 8th Ave., Brooklyn, for account P. Boyle.....	25 36
	G. A. Sage Fund, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	175
	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, on acct. of salary to 1st...	107
	J. Heldingsfeld 1,000 catalogues, envelopes and stamps, etc., for Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	69
	Stewart, Warren & Co., interest and insurance book for Treasurer.....	3 75
	Property 25 E. 22d St., W. H. Ivers, plumbing bill	8 01
21	R. Kirkman, bills of repairs, prop. 360 8th Ave., Brooklyn, for account, P. Boyle.....	27
1898	Prof. J. G. Lansing, on account of salary.....	200
Jan. 3	Assessment on prop. 456 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, for repaving.....	39 73
	Property 25 E. 22d St., pane of glass.....	1
	Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to 1st inst..	38 40
4	Arcot Theol. Seminary Fund, B. Exchange, £385, 5s. 1d., Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, Treasurer.....	1,860 39
5	Taxes and P. P. Imp. 1897 on prop. 360 8th Ave, Brooklyn, for account, P. Boyle.....	174 34
10	Hope College End Fund, on account income, C. Doesburg, Treas.....	800
	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, on account of salary.....	50
12	Property 25 E. 22d St., Black & Boyd Mfg. Co., gas fixture.....	15 20
	Insurance on buildings, library of books, school furniture, etc., Holland, Mich.....	129 50
	Amount carried forward.....	\$81,075 71

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1898		Amount brought forward.....	\$81,075 71
Jan. 12		To Cash paid Insurance on Museum of Antiquities, New Brunswick, N. J.....	25
		Insurance on prop. 222-226 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, 3 years.....	37 50
		Insurance on prop. 222-226 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, plate glass.....	10 12
14		Aug. C. Stevens, legal services in Graves Will Suit	25
24		Sundry bills, repairs, etc., to Brooklyn properties, on account to 1st.....	900
25		Rent of safe, Fifth Avenue Safe Deposit Co., January 23 to January 23, 1899.....	35
		Rent of safe, Fifth Avenue Safe Deposit Co., Arcot Theological Seminary Fund to January 23, 1899.....	5
		Building additional story to extension property 25 E. 22d St.....	2,695 84
28		Refund of payment on sale prop. 613 W. 49th St. and expense of searching title.....	505
Feb. 1		Interest on bond and mortgage property 25 E. 22d St. to date, Mrs. A. S. Pyne.....	800
		Hyman Schnitzer, refund of interest allowance on bond and mortgage.....	85
		Allowance to Woman's B'd of Foreign Missions, moving washstand 25 E. 22d St.....	10
2		Special fund, expenses of Theol. Seminary, on account bill Jos. S. Mundy.....	75
		Prop. 25 E. 22d St., W. & J. Sloane, stair carpet, etc.	9 80
		Prop. 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to 1-t inst....	38 40
		400 catalogues for Western Theol. Seminary, Holland City News.....	18
		Contingent expenses, Western Theol. Seminary, Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D., Treasurer.....	150
4		Bills of repairs, etc., on Brooklyn properties, bal. to January 1st.....	334 35
		Bills of repairs, etc., on property 400a 13th St., Brooklyn, to January 1, account Arcot Theol. Seminary Fund.....	41 99
11		G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	200
		G. A. Sage Fund, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	150
		Legacy of Miss Ann Hertzog, for repairs to P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	50
		J. Suydam Legacy, for maintenance J. Suydam Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	250
		J. Suydam Legacy, for repairs and improvements Seminary buildings and grounds, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	150
		J. Suydam Fund, for repairs and improvements Professorial dwellings, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer...	100
		Aug. Elmendorf Theol. Educational Fund, bal. of income to May 1, 1897, Prof. J. P. Searle, Sec'y	51 47
14		Entertainment Fund, for att'd R. R. Agent at meeting General Synod to vise R. R. Certificates	
		Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, Permanent Clerk.....	17
16		Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary on account.....	81
		G. J. Soper, repairing speaking tube 37 Decatur St., Brooklyn.....	2 50
		Propesty 25 E. 22d St., gas bills, Nov. 5, 1897, to February 4.....	43 64
17		Bond and mortgage loan to Mrs. I. Granbery.....	5,500
24		Special Fund, expenses Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick, bal. bill Jos. S. Mundy.....	817 29
Mar. 1		Salaries of Profs. Woodbridge, Demarest and Riggs to date.....	1,875
		Prof. J. P. Searle, salary to date.....	625
		Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary to date, balance.....	200
		Prof. E. Winter, salary to date.....	375
		Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	200
		Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary to Dec. 1, 1897, bal.	62
		Expenses of searching title, property 613 W. 49th St., N. Y., balance.....	7 50
		Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to date ..	38 40
		Amount carried forward.....	\$97,667 51

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	Amount brought forward.....	\$97,667 51
Mar. 8	To Cash Paid Prof. J. G. Lansing on account salary.....	250
	P. & C. Boyle, repairs on property 1202 8th Ave., Brooklyn, R. Kirkman.....	12 55
10	Property 25 E. 22d St., Lowther & Bro., coal bill..	24 80
	Property 25 E. 22d St., galvanized chimney top, \$8.50, and brooms, \$2.75.....	11 25
15	Property 25 E. 22d St., Wm. H. Ivers, plumbing bills.....	17
	G. A. Sage Fund, maint. of G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	450
	G. A. Sage Fund, purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	100
16	Widows' Fund, 75 per cent. of personal payments withdrawn.....	127 50
23	Special Fund Theological Seminary at New Bruns- wick. assessment for sewer.....	439 19
30	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, on account of salary.....	138
	Board of Foreign Missions, balance of interest to May 1, 1897.....	130 52
31	Prof. J. G. Lansing, on account of salary.....	175
Apr. 1	Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to date....	38 40
10	Board of Domestic Missions, int. to May 1, 1897..	256 32
	Church Building Fund, interest to May 1, 1897...	79 41
	Insurance on furniture in P. Hertzog Hall, 3 yrs.	20 63
	" G. A. Sage Library, etc., 3 years....	120 00
	" dwelling of Librarian of Sage Library, 3 years.....	20 00
	Insurance on property 25 E. 22d street, 3 years...	50
	" properties 325-325a 21st St. and 1261- 1263 Herkimer street, Brooklyn, 3 years....	20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., rubber mat and janitor's supplies.....	8 14
	H. Friedberg, plumbing property 456 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn.....	10
20	G. A. Sage Fund, for maint. of P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	275
25	Education Fund, interest on account, Board of Education.....	250
	Parochial School Fund, interest on account, Board of Education.....	250
	Prof. J. W. Beardslee, bal. of salary to Feb. 18th.	100
	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary on account.....	100 89
27	Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, Bill Exchange, £157 11s. 9d., Rev. John Scudder, D D., Treasurer.	662 13
28	G. A. Sage Fund, for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	225
30	Property 25 E. 22d St., janitor's wages to date....	38 40
	" " " " supplies.....	88
	P. & C. Boyle, balance 1897.....	72 05
	Expenses of Treasurer's office May 1, 1897, to April 30, 1898.....	500
	Treasurer's salary from May 1, 1897, to April 30, 1898.....	2,500
	John H. Allen, accountant.....	250 00
	Stationery, postage, etc., May 1, 1897, to April 30, 1898..	50 49
		3,300 49
	This amount is apportioned to the following funds, viz:	
	Permanent Seminary Fund.....	518 32
	Education Fund, Income.....	549 40
	Parochial School Fund.....	41 42
	Widows' Fund Income.....	352 81
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, Income.....	227 71
	Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers.....	18
	J. Suydam, Professorial Fund.....	216
	G. A. Sage, Professorial Fund.....	180
	Legacy of J. Suydam for repairs and imp. of Professorial Dwellings, special	39 60
	Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for repairs to P. Hertzog Hall.....	36
	Foreign Missions.....	11 03
	Amount carried forward.....	\$2,190 29
		\$102,140 57

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Apr. 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$2,190 29
	To Cash Paid Domestic Missions.....	21 66
	Hope College Endowment Fund, Income	131 65
	Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Western Theological Seminary.....	108
	Aug. Elmendorf, Theological Educa- tional Fund.....	8 58
	Margt. Antoinette Thompson Fund.....	7 20
	G. A. Sage Fund, for maint. P. Hertzog Hall, Income.....	90
	G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance G. A. Sage Library, income.....	126
	G. A. Sage Fund, for purchase of books G. A. Sage Library, income.....	72
	Legacy of J. Suydam, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall, income.....	72
	Legacy of J. Suydam, for repairs and improvements of Seminary Buildings and Grounds, income.....	72
	Church Building Fund.....	6 71
	Endowment of Second Professorship in Western Theol. Seminary.....	63 79
	Angelina Silvernail Fund.....	82 80
	J. Antonides Scholarship Fund.....	33 56
	Bequest of Hiram J. Meenk.....	1 38
	Centennial Seminary Fund.....	4 53
	Jas. Anderson Memorial Fund.....	1 48
	Abm. J. Swits Scholarship in Western Theol. Seminary.....	3 04
	Arcot Theol. Seminary Fund, income...	203 82
		8,300 49
May 1	Balance on hand, carried to new account.....	105,441 06
		80,602 11
		186,043 17

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May 1	By balance brought forward from last account.....	\$46,704 19
6	By cash received bond and mortgage, Arol Olsen.....	1,700
13	By cash received for End 2nd Theological Professorship in Western Theol. Seminary, Miss "J. V. A." Kinderhook, N. Y....	20
27	Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, for janitor's service to May 1, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
Jun. 26	P. & C. Boyle for 1897 water rate on prop. 360 8th Ave., Brooklyn.....	16 23
July 1	P. & C. Boyle, cash to Mrs. Boyle.....	25
9	P. & C. Boyle, for storage bill.....	27
28	Board of Domestic Missions, for janitor service to Aug. 1, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
	Board of Foreign Missions for janitor service to Aug. 1, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
29	Woman's Board of Foreign Missions for janitor service to Aug. 1, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
Aug. 9	Board of Education for janitor service to Aug. 1, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
13	For Widow's Fund, payment on acct., estate of Sarah Bayly, per W. H. Rainey, Exr.....	1,511 33
	For Widow's Fund, additional payment on account estate of Sarah Bayly, per W. H. Rainey, Exr.....	250 00
21	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appro. to Rev. Henry Mattice, returned.....	50
24	P. & C. Boyle, for plate glass insurance, property 360 8th Avenue, Brooklyn.....	10
Oct. 19	Board of Publication, for janitor service to Aug. 1, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
27	Disabled Ministers' Fund, balance of legacy, estate of Hannah O. Beebe, per D. Cole, D.D., Exr.....	70
	Widows' Fund, balance of legacy, estate of Hannah O. Beebe, per D. Cole, D.D., Exr.....	70
29	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Domestic Missions, janitor service to Nov 1.....	19 20
Nov. 3	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Education, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, app'o. to Mrs. R. P. Milliken, deceased, returned.....	50
18	Property 25 E. 22d St., rebate on 1897 taxes.....	2 35
	Property 613 W. 49th St., rebate on 1897 taxes.....	1 18
19	P. & C. Boyle, for storage bill.....	12
Dec. 15	Real estate, on account sale of property, 613 W. 49th St., N. Y., less commission.....	405
16	P. & C. Boyle, for water rate 1897 on store 360 8th Ave., Brooklyn.....	25 36
21	P. & C. Boyle, bill of repairs, prop. 360 8th Ave, Brooklyn.....	27
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Jan. 5	P. & C. Boyle, for taxes, and P. P. imp. 1897, on prop. 360 8th Ave., Brooklyn.....	174 34
11	Board of Publication, for janitor service to Nov. 1, 1897, prop. 25 E. 22d St.....	19 20
19	Sutphen & Lefferts, adv. for disbursements in foreclosure, D. F. Doody mortgage, returned.....	150
	Rebate on assessment on property 456 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, repaving.....	13
24	Two Bonds Sioux City and Pacific R. R. Co., \$1,000, matured 1st inst.....	2,000
26	"Graduate" to Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	50
	H. P. Cortelyou, Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	73
27	John S. Bussing, Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	100
28	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Feb. 1.....	19 20
31	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Education, janitor service to Feb. 1.....	19 20
	Amount carried forward	\$56,839 11

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	Amount brought forward.....	\$56,839 11
Jan. 31	By Cash received Rev. O. M. Voorhees, to Special Fund for ex- penses of Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	25
Feb. 1	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Domestic Missions, janitor service to Feb. 1.....	19 20
8	Bond and mortgage, Hyman Schnitzer, on account.....	3,000
5	Property 25 E. 22d St., Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Feb. 1.....	19 20
7	"A Member of the Ref. Church" to Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick..	100
10	V. M. W. Saydam, to Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	25
Mar. 3.	Robert Schell, to Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	1,000
5	Mrs. Ann Van Nest Bussing, to Special Fund for ex- penses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick ..	100
16	Peter Cortelyou, to Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	50
8	J. Townsend Lansing, to Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	100
29	Bond and mortgage, Ellen and C. A. Acton	3,000
Apr. 4	Christian Endeavor Union, use of gas, property 25 E. 22d St.....	1
11	P. & C. Boyle, for repairs, prop. 1202 8th Ave., B'klyn, R. Kirkman.....	12 55
14	Special Fund for expenses of the Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick, refund of interest paid on assessment for sewer.....	9 11
15	Bond and mortgage, Matilda E. Ray.....	4,500
18	Widows' Fund, payment on account, estate of Sarah Bayly, per Wm. H. Rainey, Exr.....	250
27	Property 25 E. 22d St., Woman's Board of Foreign Mis- sions, janitor s. rvice to April 30th.....	19 20
30	Mrs. Sandham to Special Fund for expenses of Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick.....	25
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to April 30th.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Publication, janit- or service to Feb. 1.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Foreign Missions, share expenses, gas, coal and ice, 1897	45 24
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Arabian Mission, Rev. S. M. Zwemer coal bill.....	18 65
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Education, janitor service to April 30th.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Domestic Missions, janitor service to April 30th.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Domestic Missions- share expenses, gas, coal and ice, 1897.....	51 04
	Special Fund, for expenses of Theol. Seminary at New Brunswick, F. R. Van Nest.....	25
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Publication, janitor service to April 30th.....	19 20
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Board of Publication, share expense, gas, coal and ice, 1897.....	39 27
	Estate Margt. A. Kirkman, balance.....	27 79
	P. and C. Boyle, balance.....	7 57
	Endowment of Second Professorship in Western Theol. Seminary, per Rev. J. F. Zwemer.....	1,125
	Expenses to Boards, No. 25 E. 22d St., May 1, 1897, to date.....	4,550
	Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, interest on bonds and mortgages. etc., to date.....	2,659 28
	Rents collected from real estate to date.....	8,357 98
1898 April 30	By Cash received from the following Classes for Con- tingent Expenses of General Synod, viz: Classis of Illinois.....1895 \$ 30 47 Pleasant Prairie.....1896 25 64 Saratoga.. .. " 45 02 Grand River, balance..... " 32 81 Bergen..... " 83 58	
	Amount carried forward	\$217 52
		\$88,083 79

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1898	Amount brought forward.....	\$317 69	\$23,035 79
April 30	By Cash received:		
	South Classes of		
	Bergen	77 55	
	Orange, balance.....	37 25	
	Schoharie.....1897	86 54	
	Ulster.....	57 22	
	Seneca.....	46 07	
	Kingston.....	65 73	
	Raritan.....	77 89	
	Greene.....	34 23	
	Passaic.....	71 28	
	Rochester.....	60 05	
	South Classes of		
	Long Island.....	109 57	
	New York.....	221 23	
	Westchester.....	55 25	
	Montgomery.....	88 66	
	New Brunswick.....	80 23	
	Newark.....	100 13	
	Albany.....	68 92	
	North Classes of		
	Long Island.....	101 76	
	Paramus.....	96 55	
	Saratoga.....	41 97	
	South Classes of		
	Bergen.....	67 67	
	Philadelphia.....	60 34	
	Holland.....	61 80	
	Monmouth.....	31 54	
	Wisconsin.....	97 94	
	Iowa.....	68 31	
	Schenectady.....	66 03	
	Pleasant Prairie.....	23 46	
	Poughkeepsie.....	53 51	
		<hr/>	2,325 59
By Cash received from the following Classes during the year for the Entertainment Fund, viz:			
	Class of Pleasant Prairie.....1898	\$ 20 54	
	Saratoga.....	86 24	
	Bergen.....	67 23	
	Grand River, balance.....	36 78	
	Iowa.....	68 54	
	Seneca.....1897	43 43	
	Newark.....	92 22	
	Greene.....	31 50	
	Passaic.....	66 33	
	Grand River.....	92 18	
	Orange.....	74 13	
	New York.....	304 30	
	Westchester.....	49 70	
	North Classes of		
	Long Island.....	93 03	
	New Brunswick.....	55 50	
	Kingston.....	60 50	
	Albany.....	68 44	
	South Classes of		
	Saratoga.....	88 54	
	Long Island.....	101 14	
	Philadelphia.....	65 54	
	Bergen.....	71 50	
	Holland.....	66 70	
	Monmouth.....	39 04	
	Raritan.....	71 53	
	Wisconsin, on account.....	58 03	
	Paramus.....	83 68	
	Ulster.....	34 68	
	Montgomery.....	51 33	
	Schenectady.....	60 54	
	Pleasant Prairie.....	20 33	
	Poughkeepsie.....	49 36	
		<hr/>	1,970 80
			\$37,040 19

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1896	By Cash received from Churches during the year for			
April 30	the Widows' Fund, viz.:			
		Reformed Church, Guilford, N. Y.	\$ 8 68	
	Greenw'd H'ts	Brooklyn.	4	
	Second	Coxsackie,	17 74	
		Catskill,	89 98	
	Greenville,	Scarsdale,	5 97	
	Second	Po'keep-le,	18	
		Buskirk,	5 25	
		Kaatsban,	7	
	American	Newburgh,	6 17	
		Stone Ridge,	3	
		N. Marblet'n,	1 15	
	Brighton Heights	New Bri'h'n,	7 56	
		Germano'n,	2 72	
	On the Heights	Brooklyn,	46 97	
	First	Tarrytown,	68	
	Kent St.	Brooklyn,	4 92	
	Madison Ave.	Albany,	46 50	
	Second German	Astoria,	8	
	" " S.S.	"	3	
		Bloomi'gb'h,	2	
		Schoharie,	10 89	
		New Paltz,	7 74	
		Canajoharie,	2 87	
		Glen,	2 98	
	Of the Comforter	Kingston,	6 60	
	First	Po'keepsie,	26 74	
		Port Ric'm'd	7 75	
	Second	Tarrytown,	6 41	
		Flatbush,	16 37	
		Bronxville,	5 39	
		Herkimer,	11 55	
	New Prospect	Pine Bush,	7 56	
	Blue Mountain	Fawns,	2	
	First	Walden,	8 43	
		Nyack,	18 91	
	Gallatin	Mount Ross,	1 49	
		Montgomery	7 57	
		Neperan,	2	
		Bloomi'g Gr.	3 17	
		Stone Arabia	1	
		Fishkill,	8 58	
	Fallsburgh	Woodbourne	5	
	Jr. End. of First	L. I. City,	3	
	First	Schenectady,	12 77	
		Lodi,	5	
		Utica,	7 01	
		Knox,	87	
	Boght	Cohoes,	3	
		Prattsville,	2 85	
	First	Amsterdam,	8	
	" S. S.	"	6	
	New Brooklyn	Brooklyn,	5	
		Hudson,	19 85	
		Sayville,	7 15	
		N. Hackensack N.Y.	4 70	
		Canarsie,	4	
		Northumberland,	2	
		Chatham, N.Y.	15 01	
		Grand Gorge	2 68	
		Walkill,	5 30	
	South	Brooklyn,	7	
		Shawangunk	2 82	
		Greenport,	1 12	
		Hurley,	2 25	
		Sprakers,	2 90	
	First	Yonkers,	10 72	
		Bath-on-Hud	1	
		Krumville,	2 50	
		Lyonsville,	1 27	
	Fair St.	Kingston,	76	
		Rochester, Ulster Co.	7 86	
Amount carried forward			\$615 88	\$87,240 87

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1898	Amount brought forward.....			\$615 38	\$87,240 18
April 30	By Cash received	Ref. Ch.	Ghent, N. Y.	5	
	Sunday School of	"	"	4	
	Twelfth St.	"	Brooklyn, "	12 22	
		"	Esopus, "	5	
		"	Breakabeen, "	52	
		"	Blenheim, "	55	
		"	Berne, "	6 40	
		"	Beaverdam, "	1 80	
		"	Currytown, "	3	
		"	Stuyvesant, "	1 76	
	Second	"	Syracuse, "	2 22	
	Huguenot	"	Huguenot, "	2	
		"	Nassau, "	1	
		"	U'r Red H'k "	1 43	
		"	Mellenville, "	3	
	First	"	Albany, "	20	
		"	Fonda, "	2	
	Second	"	Berne, "	23	
		"	Kinderhook, "	14 85	
		"	Niskayuna, "	5	
	Fourth	"	Albany, "	1 50	
		"	W. Leyden, "	1	
		"	Kiskatom, "	4	
		"	Bloom'dale "	2	
	Knox Mem.Chapel	"	N. Y. City	5	
	South	"	"	14 85	
	Collegiate	"	"	125 65	
		"	Harlem	108 94	
	Hamilton Grange	"	"	4 49	
	Madison Ave.	"	"	80 00	
	Norfolk St., German	"	"	4	
	Avenue B,	"	"	12	
	Union	"	High Bridge "	5 50	
	Grace	"	N. Y. City	2	
	S. S. of Fourth Ger.	"	"	7	
	(Of the Comforter	"	"	1	
	German	"	Plainfield, N. J.	1	
	Second	"	Hudson City N.J.	5	
	" S. S.	"	"	5	
		"	New Brun'k N.J.	5	
	First	"	Orange	18 81	
		"	Colts Neck "	3	
	Acquackanonk	"	Passaic	6 25	
		"	Readington "	3 08	
		"	Pompton	8	
	Second	"	Somerville	12 02	
	Trinity	"	Newark	3 74	
		"	South Branch "	2 50	
		"	Franklin Park "	11 34	
		"	Cherry Hill "	2 73	
		"	Pompton Plains N.J.	5	
	North	"	Schraalenb'h "	9 98	
	Franklin	"	Nutley N.J.	5 79	
		"	Bedminster "	11 25	
		"	Metuchen "	8 56	
		"	North Branch "	2 69	
		"	Middletown "	2	
		"	Harlingen "	3 70	
	Ginton Ave.	"	Newark	26 18	
	First	"	Paterson	6	
	" Holland	"	Passaic	7 50	
		"	New Durham "	5 82	
		"	Three Bridges N.J.	1 45	
	North	"	Newark. N.J.	95	
		"	Middlebush, "	6 26	
	Trinity.	"	Plainfield, "	5 44	
	Second German	"	Jersey City, "	5	
	First	"	Freehold, "	4 90	
		"	Peapack, "	2 33	
		"	Griggstown, "	1 47	
	First Holland	"	Paterson, "	3	
		"	Clover Hill, "	2 65	
	Amount carried forward.....			\$1,355 23	\$87,240 18

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April 30	Amount brought forward.....			\$1,855 23	\$87,240 18
	By Cash received	Ref. Ch.			
	First	"	Spring Valley N. J.	2 50	
	People's Park, Holl.	"	Bayonne, N. J.	7 04	
	Fourth	"	Paterson, "	5	
	North Bergen	"	Raritan, "	2	
		"	Weehawken, "	5	
	First	"	Irvington, "	1 25	
		"	Ridgewood, "	6 80	
	First Holland	"	Bergen Pt., "	4	
	A " Widow's Mite "	"	Lodi, "	5	
	C. E. Soc. of 2d	"	High Bridge, "	5	
	Riverside	"	Lodi, "	1	
	Fourth	"	Paterson, "	3 50	
	Thlrd	"	Grand Rapids, Mich.	6	
	Ninth	"	" Mich.	2 50	
	First	"	" "	3 84	
	Second	"	Jamestown, "	5 86	
		"	" "	67	
	Hope	"	Zeeland, "	7 50	
		"	Holland, "	9 60	
		"	Beaverdam, "	3 06	
	Second	"	Grand Haven, "	15 86	
	Ebenezer	"	Holland, "	1 75	
	Hope	"	George, Iowa	3 10	
		"	Parkers'bg, "	5	
		"	Monroe, "	2	
	Zion	"	Chapin, "	3	
		"	Boyden, "	5 58	
		"	Muscatine, "	3 50	
	Second	"	Pella, "	13 79	
	Third	"	" "	8 87	
		"	Sioux Center Iowa	10 02	
		"	No. Sibley, "	4	
		"	New Kirk, "	5	
		"	Alton, "	5	
		"	Hull, "	6	
		"	Maurice Iowa	1 50	
		"	Milwaukee Wis.	8 64	
		"	Cedar Grove "	6 95	
		"	Oostburg "	8	
		"	Alto "	15 87	
		"	Fulton Ill.	9 25	
	Ebenezer Ger	"	Oregon "	10	
		"	Peoria "	4	
	Bethel	"	Loota Minn.	2 50	
		"	Greenleafston "	7 07	
		"	Holland Neb.	9 45	
		"	South Bend Ind.	1 97	
	First	"	Lennox S. D.	6	
	Livingston Mem.	"	Sioux Falls "	2 30	
		"	Salem "	2	
	Addisville	"	Richboro Pa.	5 70	
	N. and S. Hampton	"	Churchville "	3	
	Fourth	"	Philadelphia "	5	
	First	"	" "	5	
	Received personal contributions to the Fund				\$1,648 02
	the during year, viz:				
	Mrs. S. M. Lansing.....			8	
	Mrs. Kate V. D. Searle.....			10	
	Mrs. C. A. Bogert, River Edge, N. J.....			2	
	Rev. H'y Du. B. Mulford.....			5	
	Rev. John Gaston, D.D.....			20	
	A " Friend ".....			7	
	Interest on deferred annual payments.....			76 39	
	By Cash received from Churches, during the year				\$ 128 39
	for the Widow's Fund, where the amount is to				
	apply to the credit of Pastors' viz:				
	Thlrd Reformed Church, Raritan, N. J., Rev.				
	W. H. DeHart.....			6 75	
	Amount carried forward.....			6 75	\$89,016

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April 30	Amount brought forward.....	6 75	\$89,016 59
	By Cash received Second Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D.D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Flatlands, N.Y., Rev. John S. Gardner	20	
	First Reformed Church, Holland, Mich., Rev. J. Van Houte.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. M. H. Hutton, D.D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Spring Valley, N. Y., Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.....	5 86	
	First, Roseland Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. B. Van Ess.....	20	
	Madison Avenue Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y., Rev. N. I. M. Bogert.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Fultonville, N. Y., Rev. Wm. Schmitz	20	
	Fifth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., Rev. A. Buursma.....	20	
	German Evangl. Reformed Church, Hoboken, N. J., Rev. John Rudolph.....	20	
	Jay Gould Memorial, Reformed Church, Rox- bury, N. Y., Rev. N. H. Demarest.....	20	
	Reformed Church, South Holland, Ill., Rev. John Broek	20	
	Reformed Church, Wyckoff, N. J., Rev. A. Westveer.....	7 50	
	Acquackanonk Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J., Rev. Ame Vennema.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Coxsackie, N. Y., Rev. F. S. Barnum.....	20	
	First Reformed Church, Jamaica, N. Y., Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr	20	
	Reformed Church, Annandale, N. J., Rev. A. L. Mershon.....	10	
	Clove Reformed Church, High Falls, N. Y., Rev. H. Hageman.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J., Rev. E. G. Read.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Port Ewen, N. Y., Rev. B. C. Lippincott	8 15	
	Reformed Church, Fairview, Ill., Rev. Samuel Streng.....	10 68	
	Central Avenue Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. C. S. Wright.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Flatbush, N. Y., Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Holmdel, N. J., Rev. G. Wyckoff	20	
	Mott Haven Reformed Church, New York City, N. Y., Rev. G. Edwin Talmage.....	1	
	Reformed Church, Gravesend, N. Y., Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk.....	20	
	Union Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. H. E. Nies.....	20	
	Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J., Rev. P. Stryker, D.D.....	20	
	Houston St. German Evangl. Mission, New York City, Rev. J. W. Geyer.....	20	
	First Reformed Church, College Point, N. Y., Rev. J. Baumeister.....	20	
	First Reformed Church, Nyack, N. Y., Rev. W. J. Leggett.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Flushing, N. Y., Rev. J. Demarest, D.D	14 88	
	Irving Park Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. J. W. Brooks, Ph.D.....	12 08	
	Reformed Church, Florida, N. Y., Rev. R. A. Pearse.....	10	
	New Lots Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. N. Pearse.....	20	
	Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. C. Brett, D.D	20	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$621 85	\$89,016 59

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April 3	Amount brought forward.....	\$621 35	\$89,016 59
	By Cash received Reformed Church, Clarkstown, N.Y., Rev. Eugene Hill.....	14 27	
	Reformed Church, Belleville, N. J., Rev. A. Hageman.....	20	
	Silver Creek Reformed Church, German Valley, Ill., Rev. A. F. Beyer.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Schuylerville, N. Y., Rev. J. H. Brandow.....	20 05	
	Reformed Church, New Durham, N. J., Rev. I. W. Gowen.....	20	
	Collegiate Reformed Church, Harlem, New York City, Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.....	20	
	Collegiate Reformed Church, Harlem, New York City, Rev. W. J. Harsha, D.D.....	20	
	First Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J., Rev. W. S. Cranmer.....	20	
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., Rev. Jas. M. Farrar, D.D.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Fonda, N.Y., Rev. J. A. De Baun, D.D.....	20	
	Madison Ave. Reformed Church, New York City, Rev. A. E. Kittredge, D.D.....	20	
	Sixth Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. E. Van Hetloo.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Cohoes, N. Y., Rev. O. H. Walsen.....	6 46	
	Fifth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. C. F. C. Snickow.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Vriesland, Mich., Rev. G. De Jonge.....	9 18	
	St. Paul's German Evangelical Reformed Church, Jamaica, N. Y., Rev. F. Hartig....	4	
	Second Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. E. W. Greene.....	20	
	Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J., Rev. I. P. Brokaw.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Fort Plain, N. Y., Rev. E. A. McCullum.....	25 17	
	Reformed Church, Mohawk, N. Y., Rev. Ira Van Allen.....	20	
	First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D.....	20	
	Deer Park Reformed Church, Port Jervis, N.Y., Rev. T. H. Mackensie.....	20	
	Reformed Church, Ellenville, N. Y., Rev. H. C. Berg, D.D.....	20	
	Hillsborough Reformed Church, Millstone, N. J. Rev. Theo. Shafer.....	20	
			\$1,060 48
	By Cash received from the following Clergymen during the year, their Annual Payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:		
	Rev. J. O. Van Fleet.....	20	
	O. J. Hogan.....	20	
	F. S. Schenck, D.D.....	20	
	H'y Stout, D.D.....	20	
	Wm. J. Skillman.....	20	
	G. Zindler.....	20	
	D. D. Deinarest, D.D.....	20	
	J. Howard Suydam, D.D.....	20	
	John Hoekje.....	20	
	J. Lansing Pearce.....	20	
	Fred. F. Wilson.....	20	
	P. G. M. Bahler.....	20	
	Wm. C. Handy.....	20	
	H. J. Pietenpol.....	20	
	Edw. Lodewick.....	20	
	John H. Gillespie.....	20	
	J. H. Oerter, D.D.....	20	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$340	\$90,077.07

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1898	Amount brought forward.....	\$340	\$80,077 07
April 30	By Cash received Rev. Andrew Parsons.....	30	
	Rev. S. O. Lawling.....	30	
	Peter Crispell.....	30	
	John G. Fagg.....	30	
	Jas. Osewardo.....	30	
	C. E. Crispell, D.D.....	14 64	
	Wm. A. Dumont.....	30	
	W. H. De Hart.....	13 25	
	H'y Doeker, D.D.....	30	
	E. T. Staatsak.....	30	
	Alex. McKelvey.....	180	
	H'y Harmeling.....	30	
	J. G. Gebhard.....	70	
	A. Westvort.....	13	
	Daniel Lord.....	30	
	J. Kremer.....	30	
	J. H. Van Doren.....	30	
	John Smilt.....	30	
	W. H. Vroom.....	30	
	Sanders A. Venema.....	30	
	E. T. Corwin, D.D.....	30	
	H'y Unglaub.....	30	
	C. M. Frielee.....	30	
	A. McWilliam.....	30	
	Jas. L. Amerman, D.D.....	30	
	Chas. H. Pool, D.D.....	30	
	P. W. Pitcher.....	30	
	John Scudder, M.D.....	30	
	J. W. Scudder, D.D.....	30	
	J. Chamberlain, D.D.....	30	
	E. S. Booth.....	30	
	A. Pieters.....	30	
	H'y Stout, D.D.....	10	
	John B. Drury, D.D.....	30	
	N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D.....	30	
	J. W. Warnshuis.....	30	
	B. C. Lippincott.....	16 85	
	Wm. Wolfius.....	30	
	E. Birdsall.....	30	
	G. Edwin Talmage.....	19	
	S. Federne.....	30	
	D. Broek.....	30	
	Jas. Le Fevre, D.D.....	30	
	P. D. Van Cleeef, D.D.....	20	
	Geo. W. Labaw.....	30	
	John L. Stillwell.....	30	
	Wm. Moordyk.....	30	
	G. Niemeyer.....	30	
	E. G. Ackerman.....	30	
	Jas. Demarret, D.D.....	5 12	
	A. J. Sebring.....	30	
	J. W. Conklin.....	30	
	E. J. Blekkink.....	30	
	S. A. Schillestra.....	30	
	Jesse W. Brooks, Ph.D.....	8	
	F. Hartig.....	16	
	R. A. Pearce.....	10	
	Henry M. Cox.....	30	
	J. E. Lyall.....	30	
	H'y de Vries.....	30	
	Eugene Hill.....	5 73	
	Mathew Kolyn.....	30	
	E. Winter, D.D.....	30	
	A. Paige Peeke.....	30	
	F. M. Bogardus.....	30	
	P. Lepeltak.....	30	
	J. Meulendyke.....	30	
	John Justin.....	30	
	F. V. Van Vranken.....	30	
	A. De W. Mason.....	30	
	A. A. Zabrickis.....	30	
	L. B. Chamberlain.....	30	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$1,861 50	\$80,077 07

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April 30	Amount brought forward	\$1,863 59	\$90,077 07
	By Cash received Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D.....	20	
	Rev. Samuel Streng	9 82	
	G. De Jonge	10 82	
	James M. Dickson, D.D.....	80	
	F. A. Force.....	20	
	P. S. Beekman	20	
	J. H. Karsten.....	20	
	James F. Zwemer.....	20	
	Alex. Shaw	20	
	Geo. G. Seibert	20	
	A. S. Van Dyck.....	20	
	F. E. Schlieder.....	20	
	John Vander Meulen.....	20	
	G. Veenker.....	20	
	William D. Perry.....	20	
	O. J. Hogan.....	20	
	W. E. Bogardus.....	20	
	J. Howard Suydam, D.D.....	20	
			2,268 73
By Cash received from Churches during the year for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, viz.:			
	Ref d Church, Guilford, N. Y.	\$ 3 69	
	" Fordham, "	21 99	
North	" West Troy, "	12 55	
Greenville	" Scaredale, "	6 24	
	" Philmont, "	18 82	
Second	" Poughkeepsie "	18	
	" Buskirke, "	18 90	
American	" Newburgh, "	6 18	
	" Queens, "	2 37	
Brighton Heights	" New Brighton, "	7 56	
	" Germantown, "	10 76	
On the Heights	" Brooklyn, "	46 96	
First	" Williamsburgh, "	19 33	
	" Spring Valley, "	8 68	
	" Montgomery, "	4 41	
Kent St.	" Brooklyn, "	4 98	
Madison Ave.	" Albany, "	66 50	
Second Ger.	" Astoria, "	3	
" S.S.	" "	3	
	" Mohawk, "	6	
Greenwood H'ts	" Brooklyn, "	8 81	
Jay Gould Mem.	" Roxbury, "	37 32	
	" Bloomingburgh, "	4	
	" Fishkill, "	15 59	
	" Exopus, "	5 50	
	" Sayville, "	7 30	
	" Canajoharie, "	2 38	
	" Glen, "	4 68	
	" N. Hackensack, "	8	
First	" Poughkeepsie, "	30 91	
	" Nyack, "	25 19	
	" Port Richmond, "	7 75	
New Prospect	" Pine Bush, "	7 28	
	" Hopewell, "	18	
	" Farmer, "	2 13	
Second	" Tarrytown, "	6 41	
	" Tappan, "	5 46	
Clove	" High Falls, "	5 68	
	" Catskill, "	20 32	
	" Clymer Hill, "	5	
	" Bronxville, "	5 40	
	" Tyre, "	1 75	
Blue Mountain,	" Fawns, "	2	
First	" Walden, "	8 43	
	" Schuylerville, "	17 11	
	" West Farms, "	2 29	
	" Ellenville, "	7 25	
	" Fultonville, "	21	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$572 81	\$92,340 80

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	Amount brought forward.....	By Cash received.		
	Of the Comforter Ref.Ch.	Kingston, N.Y.	3 16	
	Berea	Fonda,	11 90	
		Walden,	5	
		Millbrook,	12 63	
		Beaverdam,	2 45	
		Berne,	8 70	
		Neperan,	3	
		Currytown,	6	
	" Members "	Kaatsban,	13 50	
	Deerpark	Kingston,	25	
	Jr, End., First	Port Jervis,	15	
		L. I City,	3	
	First	Flatlands,	34 48	
		Schenectady,	12 78	
		Lodi,	5	
	First	Warwick,	51 21	
		Yonkers,	10 04	
		East Williamson	5 80	
		Utica,	32 04	
	First	Stone Arabia	1 50	
		Tarrytown,	20	
		Knox,	2 57	
		Port Ewen,	4	
		Stuyv'ant Falls	2 51	
	Boght	Cohoes,	3	
	First	Hudson,	24 92	
	Second	Coxsackie,	12 08	
	Gallatin	Mount Rose,	1 09	
		Schodack Landing N.Y.	2 40	
	Helderberg	Guilderl'd Cen.N.Y.	1 10	
		Flatbush,	55	
		Prattsville,	2 85	
	First	Amsterdam,	8	
	First S. S.	Amsterdam,	6	
	New Brooklyn	Brooklyn,	5	
	North Hempstead	Manhasset,	3	
		Schoharie,	7 39	
	First	Brooklyn,	17 05	
		Altamont,	2 65	
		Blooming Grove	4 27	
		Claverack	9 74	
		Canarsie,	4	
		Northumberland	3	
		Chatham	15 02	
		Grand Gorge,	2 66	
		Stone Ridge,	1 50	
		No. Marbletown,	1	
		Wallkill,	5 30	
	South	Brooklyn,	7	
	Fallsburgh	Woodbourne,	7	
		Herkimer,	9 38	
		Owasco,	5 34	
		Shawangunk,	2 83	
		Hurley,	2 25	
		Sprakers,	2 95	
		Bath-on-Hudson	1	
	First	College Point,	16 65	
		Coeymans	3 37	
	Linlithgo	Livingston,	3 50	
		Cobleskill,	1 50	
		New Paltz,	12 76	
	First	Coxsackie,	5	
		Krumville,	2 39	
		Lyonsville,	1 50	
	Fair St	Kingston,	77	
		Fort Miller,	5	
		Roch'ter, Uls. Co. N.Y.	5 21	
		Ghent,	2 50	
	Sunday School of	"	66	
		Cohoes,	6 46	
	Twelfth St.	Brooklyn,	12 23	
		Breakabeen,	1	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$1,180 85	\$92,340 80

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1898	Amount brought forward		\$1,160 85	\$22,940 80
April 30	Amount Cash received Ref. Ch.	Blenheim, N. Y.	1	
	First	Albany,	125 15	
		Stuyvesant,	1 76	
	Huguenot	Huguenot,	2	
	Second	Syracuse,	1 81	
		Nassau,	1 80	
		Upper Red Hook	1 43	
		Mellenville,	3	
		Lisha's Kill,	3 73	
	St. Paul's Ger. Ev.	Jamaica,	3 12	
	Second	Berne,	66	
		Dashville,	2	
		Fort Plain,	20 86	
	East New York	Brooklyn,	8 75	
		Kinderhook,	24 50	
		Niskayuna,	5	
	Fourth,	Albany,	1	
		Kiskatom,	6	
		Bloomingtondale,	2	
	Of the Comforter	N. Y. City.	1	
	Bloomingtondale		10	
	Hous. St. Ger. Ev. Mis.		18	
	Knox Memorial Chapel		5	
	South Reformed Church		22 70	
	Collegiate		286 91	
	Hamil'n Grange		10	
	Madison Ave.		100	
	Collegiate	Harlem,	163 43	
	Norfolk St. Ger.		4	
	Ave B		12	
	Mott Haven		1 46	
	Union	High Bridge	16 50	
	Mia. Soc. 34th St.		25	
	Grace		2	
	S. S. of Fourth Ger.		7	
	German	Plainfield, N. J.	1	
	Second	Hudson City	10	
	" S. S.		10	
	Third	Raritan	6 75	
	Acquackanonk	Passaic	37 83	
		Metuchen	16 89	
	Second	New Bruns.	33	
		Wy. koff	6 75	
	Union Holland	Paterson	4 50	
	Bergen	Jersey City	25 50	
	Lafayette		13 01	
		Belleville	6 93	
	Broadway	Paterson	7 44	
	Trinity	Newark	3 76	
		Annandale	2	
	First	Orange	18 81	
		Colts Neck	2	
		Readington	3 08	
		High Bridge	6 60	
	Second	Paterson	5 60	
		Hidgewood	9	
		Pompton	9	
		South Branch, N. J.	3 50	
	Clinton Avenue	Newark,	32 46	
		Harlingen,	7 40	
	Snydam Street	New Brunswick, N. J.	3	
	Christ	Newark,	10 56	
		Pompton Plains, N. J.	5	
	North	Schraalenburgh	8 71	
		North Branch,	7 31	
		Middletown,	2	
	Wayne Street	Jersey City,	6	
	First	New Brunswick,	23 83	
	First	Paterson,	6	
	First, Holland	Passaic,	7 80	
	Highland Park	New Brunswick,	1 50	
	Franklin	Nutley,	6 03	
	Amount carried forward		\$2,554 39	\$22,940 80

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1898	Amount brought forward.....		2,554 39	\$92,340 80
Apr. 30	Amount Cash received Ref. Ch.	New Durham, N. J.	25 83	
	Central Avenue	Jersey City,	5	
		Three Bridges,	2 58	
	Grand Avenue	Asbury Park,	10	
	North	Newark,	95	
	First	Somerville,	8 40	
	Six Mile Run	Franklin Park,	8 75	
		Bedminster,	18 35	
		Middlebush,	8	
	Trinity	Plainfield,	5 44	
	Second, German	Jersey City,	10	
	First	Freehold,	5 05	
		Peapack,	2 83	
		Griggstown,	1 68	
	First, Holland	Paterson,	3	
		Clover Hill	3	
		Spring Valley,	2 50	
		Cherry Hill,	2 74	
		Montville,	4	
	Sixth Holland	Paterson,	10	
	First	Bayonne,	7 05	
	Fourth	Raritan,	2	
	North Bergen	Weehawken,	5	
		S. Bound Brook, N.J.	4 48	
	Park	Jersey City,	8 99	
		Irvington,	1 25	
	Second	Somerville,	97 46	
	German Evangl.	Hoboken,		
		Hasbr'ck Heights,		
		Bergen Point,		
	First Holland	Lodi,		
	Second	Freehold,	2 30	
	C. E. Soc. of Sec'd	Lodi,	1	
	Riverside	Paterson,	3 50	
	First	Philadelphia, Pa.	5	
	Addisville	Richboro,	5 53	
	No. & So. Hamp.	Churchville,	3	
	Fourth	Philadelphia,	5	
	Second	Philadelphia,	5 96	
	Second	Grand Rapids, Mich.	10 80	
	Fourth	"	6	
	Ninth	"	3 63	
		Zeeland,	7 50	
		Spring Lake,	3 50	
	First	Jamestown,	5 56	
	Second	"	67	
		Vriesland,	8	
	Hope	Holland,	9 14	
		Beaverdam	3 05	
	Second	Grand Haven	16 18	
	Ebenezer	Overisel,	1 75	
	Third	Grand Rapids,	2	
	Second	Pella, Iowa.	7 21	
	Third	"	8 32	
		Monroe,	2	
	Zion	Chapin,	3	
	First	Orange City,	22 90	
		Muscatine,	3 68	
		Sioux Centre,	9	
		New Kirk,	5	
	Washington	Ackley,	6 25	
		Alton,	5	
		Hull,	6	
		Maurice,	1 38	
		Baileyville, Ill.	31	
		Fulton,	9 25	
	Ebenezer	Oregon,	12	
	Silver Creek	German Valley,	1 09	
	Norwood Park	Chicago,	14 10	
		Peoria,	4 25	
		South Holland,	10	
		Cedar Grove, Wis.	7 40	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$3,130 18	\$92,340 80

		Cr.		
1898		Amount brought forward.....	\$3,180 18	\$92,340 80
April 30	By cash received.	Ref. Ch.	Milwaukee, Wis.	12
	Bethel	"	Leota, Minn.	2 50
		"	Greenleafston, "	7 07
	First	"	Lennox, So. Dak.	6
	Livingston Mem.	"	Sioux Falls, "	2
		"	Salem, "	2 50
		"	Holland, Neb.	9 85
		"	South Bend, Ind.	2 01
				<u>\$3,174 11</u>
	Received personal contributions to the Fund during the year, viz.:			
		Rev. P. Q. Wilson.....	10	
		Rev. S. W. Mills, D.D.....	5	
		Rev. Hy. Du B. Mulford.....	10	
		J. C. V.....	10	
		A "Friend".....	14	
		A "Friend".....	2	
			<u>\$51</u>	
	By Cash received towards payment of Salary of Second Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, during the year, viz:			
		Reformed Church, Fremont, Mich.	\$ 1 25	
		" Vriesland "	2 75	
		" Three Oaks "	1	
	Ebenezer	" Holland "	1	
	East Overisel	" Oakland "	1	
	Second	" Grand Rapids "	5	
	Ninth	" " "	1	
	Hope	" Holland "	4	
		" Spring Lake "	2	
		" Graafschap "	1	
	First	" Holland "	2 58	
	"	" Kalamazoo "	2 91	
	Second	" Grand Haven "	2 50	
	Fourth	" Kalamazoo "	1	
	"	" Holland "	1	
		" Overisel "	5	
		" North Holland "	3 75	
	First	" Pella Iowa "	6 75	
	Bethany	" Sully "	1	
	First	" Orange City "	5	
	Second	" Pella "	2 92	
		" Ramsay "	1	
		" Belmont "	1	
	Bethany	" Chicago Ill.	2	
	Trinity	" " "	3	
	Irving Park	" " "	3	
	Roseland	" " "	5	
		" Fairview "	3	
		" Galesburg "	1	
	Silver Creek	" German Valley "	2	
		" Waupun Wis.	1 25	
		" Cedar Grove "	7	
		" Gibberville "	5	
		" Luctor Kan.	2	
		" Rotterdam "	1 15	
		" Silver Creek, Minn.	38	
	Bethel	" Leota "	1 86	
		" Churchville "	1	
		" Roseland, "	1	
	First	" Cleveland, Ohio.	1	
		" Pella, Neb.	1	
		" Harrison, So. Dak.	3	
		" New Paltz, N. Y.	2	
		" Marion, "	1	
		" Sayville, "	2	
		" Hudson "	5	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$111 06	\$95 565 91

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1898				
Apr. 30	Amount brought forward.....		\$111 05	\$95,565 91
	By Cash received Ref. Ch. Kinderhook, N. Y.		5	
	Second " Freehold, N. J. #		8 68	
				119 68
	Int. collected on notes, per Rev. J. F. Zweemer	258 25		
	John Snitaler.....	1 25		\$254 50
	By Cash received towards Salary of Third Professor in the Western Theological Seminary during the year, viz.:			
	Reformed Church, Fremont, Mich.	\$ 8 75		
	" Vriesland, "	8 25		
	" Three Oaks, "	4		
Ebenezer	" Holland, "	10 26		
East Overisel	" Oakland, "	9		
Second	" Grand Rapids, "	45 96		
Eighth	" " "	5		
Ninth	" " "	9 26		
Bethany	" " "	5		
Hope	" Holland, "	11		
First	" " "	7 75		
Third	" " "	25		
Fourth	" " "	1		
	" Spring Lake, "	4		
	" Graafschap, "	9		
	" Grandville, "	5		
First	" Muskegon, "	16 85		
"	" Kalamazoo, "	8 74		
Third	" " "	10		
Fourth	" " "	8		
First	" Jamestown, "	15		
Second	" " "	2		
	" Atwood, "	4 50		
First	" Grand Haven, "	40		
Second	" " "	14 58		
	" Zeeland, "	45		
	" New Era, "	5		
	" Hamilton, "	8 69		
	" Overisel, "	42 62		
	" Beaverdam, "	5		
	" No. Holland, "	11 25		
Seventh	" Grand Rapids, "	5		
South Blendon	" Farowe, "	6		
First	" Grand Rapids, "	10		
First	" Pella, Iowa	23 25		
Second	" " "	8 77		
Third	" " "	10		
Bethany,	" Sully, "	4		
First	" Orange City, "	20		
	" Muscatine, "	5		
	" Hull, "	5		
	" Sheldon, "	2 11		
	" New Kirk, "	10		
	" Alton, "	25		
Free Grace	" Middleburg, Iowa.	5		
First	" Sioux Centre, "	25		
	" Boyden, "	5		
Carmel	" Sioux Centre, "	3		
	" Hospers, "	10		
	" Ramsay, "	4		
	" Belmond, "	8		
	" Maurice, "	8		
	" Lansing, Ill.	5		
Englewood	" Chicago, "	12		
North Western	" " "	5		
Bethany	" " "	18 26		
Trinity	" " "	9		
First	" " "	25		
	Amount carried forward.....	\$666 85		\$95,940 09

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1898		Amount brought forward.....		\$566 85	\$95,940 09
Apr. 20		By Cash received			
	Irving Park	Ref. Ch.	Chicago, Ill.	12	
	Roseland	"	"	20	
		"	Fairview	7	
		"	Galesburg,	1	
	Ebenezer	"	Morrison,	3 55	
	Second	"	Pekin,	8 60	
		"	Danforth,	5	
		"	Fulton,	20	
		"	South Holland,	25	
	Silver Creek	"	German Valley,	8	
		"	Raritan,	5	
		"	Forreston,	10	
		"	Waupun, Wis.	3 75	
		"	Cedar Grove,	20 40	
		"	Franklin,	4	
		"	Randolph,	5	
		"	Alto,	20 26	
		"	Oostburg,	10	
		"	Milwaukee,	25	
		"	Gibbsville,	15	
		"	Greenleafston, Minn.	8 25	
		"	Silver Creek,	1 12	
	Bethel	"	Leota,	2	
		"	Churchville,	2 70	
		"	Roseland,	4	
		"	Firth, Neb.	3	
		"	Pella,	1 75	
		"	Holland,	19 10	
		"	De Motte, Ind.	3 46	
		"	Lafayette,	5	
		"	Luctor, Kan.	8	
		"	Rotterdam,	3	
	First	"	Cleveland, Ohio	4	
	Second	"	"	4 75	
	First	"	Lennox, So. Dak.	10	
		"	Harrison,	4 50	
		"	Hooker	1	
		"	Salem,	1	
		"	New Paltz, N. Y.	18	
		"	Marion,	4 60	
		"	Sayville,	7 56	
		"	Hudson,	20	
		"	Clymer Hill,	6 50	
		"	Kinderhook,	20	
	Deerpark	"	Port Jervis	30	
	Second	"	Freehold, N. J.	10 87	
	Bergen	"	Jersey City,	10	
		"	Scotland, So. Dak.	1	
	Second	"	Lennox,	1	
		"	Delaware,	1	\$1,112 57
Received Personal Contributions during the year, viz.:					
	Rev. P. Slegers.....			\$ 5	
	Rev. W. B. Hill, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....			10	
	Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., Flatbush, N. Y.....			25	
	John Snitsler.....			3 75	
					\$ 43 75
Received for Interest on Bonds and Mortgages and Bonds, etc., during the year, viz.:					
1897.					
	May.....			\$2,798 54	
	June.....			1,811 50	
	July ...			1,171 99	
Amount carried forward.....				\$5,282 03	\$97,096 41

		Cr.	
1898			
Apr. 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$5,292 08	\$97,096 41
	By Cash received		
	August.....	2,519 50	
	September.....	2,419	
	October.....	6,218 06	
	November.....	4,753 60	
	December.....	2,117 58	
		1898.	
	January.....	\$1,944 62	
	February.....	2,576 49	
	March.....	2,764 00	
	April.....	9,051 88	
			\$38,946 76
1898			\$136,043 17
May 1	By balance carried to new account.....		\$30,602 11

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1898.

The subscribers having examined the accounts of Frank R. Van Nest, Treasurer, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and them to be correct, leaving a balance of Thirty thousand, six hundred and two dollars and eleven cents, also Bonds and Mortgages and Bonds. etc., amounting to Seven hundred and fifty-five thousand, four hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents.

JOHN J. TUCKER,
WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

NEW YORK, May 16, 1898.

Dr. Expense Account of the General Synod.

1897			
May 1	To Cash deficiency, minutes of 1895.....		\$75 25
	Deficiency minutes of 1896.....		89 48
13	Rev. C. Brett, D.D., expenses attending April meeting Council of Hope College.....		48
	Rev. J. F. Zwemer, expenses attending April meeting Council of Hope College.....		12
	Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, expenses attending April meeting Council of Hope College.....		7 60
15	Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D., expenses attending April meet- ing Board of Superintendents Western Theol. Seminary..		43 50
	Rev. A. Paige Peeke, expenses attending April meeting Board of Superintendents Western Theol. Seminary..		49 50
	Rev. A. Buursma, expenses attending April meeting Board of Superintendents Western Theol. Seminary..		8
	Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D., expenses attending April meet- ing Board of Superintendents Western Theol. Seminary..		5
	Rev. J. P. De Jonge, expenses attending April meeting Board of Superintendents Western Theol. Seminary..		2 25
	D. J. De Jonge, expenses attending April meeting Board of Superintendents Western Theol. Seminary.....		7 75
22	Rev. C. Van Santvoord, D.D., expenses of Prof. Wood- bridge's 40th Anniversary as Professor in the Theol. Seminary.....		10
Jun. 15	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod.....		200
	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., sundry expenses, car fare, stationery, postage, etc.....		5 03
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., paid postage mailing Rev. Dr. Stryker's sermon.....		27 65
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., stamps and envelopes, sta- tionery,, postage, expressage and car fares.....		16 84
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., printing roll of delegates to General Synod.....		9 50
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., sexton Ref. Church (\$10), and janitor (\$10) of Educational Hall, Asbury Park, N. J.		20
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., salary as Stated Clerk.....		250
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., expenses of Committee on Sunday-school and C. I. instruction.....		8 50
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, S. C., traveling expenses of West- ern delegates.....		716 33
21	J. Wilson & Son, 150 copies, examination papers for Theol. Seminary, New Brunswick.....		15
	J. Heldingsfeld, 400 folders, commencement papers Theol. Seminary New Brunswick.....		6 50
	Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D., salary as Stated Clerk Board of Superintendents Theol. Seminary New Brunswick.		25 00
	C. Banks, opening 2d Ref. Church, New Brunswick, for commencement Theol. Seminary New Brunswick.....		8
	Expenses packing library of late Rev. Dr. Gordon, for Western Theol. Seminary, labor cartages, etc.....		18 75
	Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., expenses attending June meeting Council of Hope College.....		48 70
	Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, expenses attending June meeting Council of Hope College.....		5 25
July 12	Board of Publication, folding Rev. Dr. Stryker's Sermon		28 69
Aug. 16	Board of Publication, supplies, stationery, etc., for meet- ing of General Synod.....		5 56
	Board of Publication, 175 Reports Board of Direction and Treasurer's Annual Statement.....		18 90
	Insurance on Winant's Chapel and Graves' Library, three years.....		82 50
	W. R. Reed, legal pads for Theol. Seminary at New B'k		2 25
23	Sutphen & Lefferts, for deed of prop., 104 Macon Street, Brooklyn.....		5
Oct. 11	Pro rata expenses Alliance of Reformed Churches, Geo. Junkin, Treasurer.....		180
29	Freight and drayage on library of late Rev. Dr. Gordon to Holland, Mich.....		14 47
Nov. 19	Balance freight and drayage on library of late Rev. Dr. Gordon to Holland, Mich.....		10 21
Dec. 16	Interest and insurance book for Treasurer Gen. Synod..		3 75
	Amount carried forward.....		\$2,080 66

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Dr. Expense Account of the General Synod.

1898	Amount brought forward	\$2,090 66
Jan. 12	Insurance on buildings, library and furniture, Holland, Mich	129 50
14	Insurance on Museum of Antiquities, New Brunswick..	25
26	Aug. C. Stevens, legal services	25
Feb. 2	Rent of safe, Fifth Ave. Safe Deposit Co., Jan. 23, 1898. to Jan. 23, 1899	85
Apr. 30	400 Catalogues for Western Theol. Seminary.....	13
	Apportionment of Treasurer's salary, rent, stationery, postage, etc.....	518 32
	Salaries of the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.:	
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	\$2,500
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D	2,500
	Rev. James F. Riggs, D.D.....	2,500
		7,500
	To balance.....	1,085 97
Cr.		\$11,412 45
1897	By balance from last account.....	793 86
May 1	Cash received for Contingent Expenses... ..	2,235 59
1898	Transfer from Angelina Silvernall Fund.....	1,357 97
Apr. 30	Cash received for Interest.....	7,025 03
		\$11,412 45
May 1	By balance brought down.....	\$1,085 97

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

New York, May 1, 1898.

1898.

ANNUAL DIGEST.

The Board of Direction submits to General Synod its Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$11,507 50
“ interest on hand April 30, 1898.	239 42
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PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$107,357 95
“ of interest from Permanent Contingent Fund.	12 30
“ Fourth Professorial Fund.	30,597 66
“ Thomas DeWitt Professorship.	6,015 00
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ARCOT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$54,689 44
“ in hand uninvested.	1,926 25
Debit Balance of interest, April 30, 1898.	195 82
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PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet, } April 30, 1898.	\$7,326 12
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CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet, } April 30, 1898.	\$1,311 19
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THE “JAMES SUYDAM PROFESSORSHIP” OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$60,000 00
“ of interest on hand April 30, 1898.	676 97
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM LEGACY" FOR MAINTENANCE AND
SUPPORT OF JAMES SUYDAM HALL.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$20,000 00
" of interest on hand April 30, 1898.....	702 76
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM LEGACY FOR" REPAIR AND IM-
PROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$20,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898..	648 64
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THE "JAMES SUYDAM FUND" FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVE-
MENT OF PROFESSORIAL DWELLINGS.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$11,134 99
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	338 90
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THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" OF PROFESSOR-
SHIP OF OLD TESTAMENT LANGUAGES AND EXEGESIS.

Amount invested as per balance sheet.....	\$50 000 00
" Debit balance of interest, April 30, 1898.....	98 37
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THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" FOR MAINTEN-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$35,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	201 44
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THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" FOR PURCHASE
OF BOOKS FOR GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$20,000 00
" of interest on hand April 30, 1898....	2,101 65
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THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" FOR MAINTEN-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF P. HERTZOG HALL.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$25,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	79 80
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THE "ANGELINA SILVERNAIL FUND" FOR THE MAINTEN-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$23,027 57
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	289 12
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LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

The income of this legacy is to be applied to keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Hall.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$10,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	<u>149 15</u>

THE HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet	\$36,568 90
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	<u>769 24</u>

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
IN THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$30,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	<u>150 96</u>

SECOND PROFESSORSHIP IN THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY.

Amount April 30, 1898, specific	\$18,732 67
" " " " general gifts applicable	<u>865 10</u>

LEGACY OF HIRAM J. MEENK.

Income to be applied to support and education of young men preparing for the ministry in the Western Seminary.

Amount April 30, 1898.....	384 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	<u>16 33</u>

ABRAHAM J. SWIT'S SCHOLARSHIP IN THE WESTERN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Amount April 30, 1898.....	\$881 12
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EDUCATION FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$152,607 48
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	<u>3,240 83</u>

AUGUSTUS ELMENDORF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL
FUND.

Legacy of Jane Helen Elmendorf.....	\$2,382 50
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	101 30

JOHN ANTONIDES SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Legacy of John Antonides, on account.....	\$9,322 67
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	<u>396 53</u>

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WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$103,751 71
“ of income paid to annuitants during the year.....	8,366 66
“ “ “ on hand, April 30, 1898.....	1,987 15
Legacy of Sarah Bayly, on account.....	15,098 83
Bequest of Mrs. Hannah O. Beebe, Balance.....	70 00
Amount withdrawn by subscribers... ..	157 50
“ paid legal expenses, Sarah Bayly legacy.....	175 00
“ of discount, premium on bonds.....	183 92
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DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$63,223 13
“ of income paid beneficiaries during the year.....	6,725 00
Balance of income on hand, April 30, 1898.....	2,723 64
Bequest of Mrs. Hannah O. Beebe, balance.....	70 00
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Legacy of Rev. John Vanderveer, D. D.....	\$950 00
“ on account, John Antonides.....	1,864 50
Amount from family of the late Rev. Goyn Talmage, D. D...	250 00
Balance of income on hand, April 30, 1898.....	130 32
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DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Legacy of Rachel Ann Ryerson.....	\$2,000 00
“ “ Rev. John Vanderveer D. D.....	950 00
“ “ Jane Helen Elmendorf.....	953 00
“ “ on account John Antonides.....	1,864 50
Amount from family of the late Rev. Goyn Talmage, D. D...	250 00
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1898.....	255 94
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THE JAMES ANDERSON MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount April 30, 1898.....	<u>\$546 72</u>
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FUND FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF SYNODICAL DELEGATES.

Amount April 30, 1898.....	\$6,129 80
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SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

Sundry amounts transferred to this account...	\$3,760 17
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VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

Ten Bonds (\$1,000 each) Toledo & Wabash R. R. (construction).	
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No interest paid. Of no value so far as known at present....	\$10,000 00
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DONATION OF COL. HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount held in trust for Rutgers College.....	\$5,000 00
Interest due June 20, 1898.....	232 00

MARGARET ANTOINETTE THOMPSON FUND.

Income to be applied for poor students preparing for the ministry
R. C. A.

Amount April 30, 1898.....	\$2,000 00
Interest on hand. April 30, 1898.....	85 06

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

As reported by Fred'k Frelinghuysen, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers
College.

Amount invested on Bond, secured by Mortgage, etc.....	\$19,600 00
" uninvested.....	13 57

Total amount of Fund.....	\$19,613 57
Amount paid students during the year.....	1,311 00
Balance on hand, principal....	13 57
" " interest, March 31, 1898.....	601 34

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

As reported by Fred'k Frelinghuysen, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers
College.

Amount invested on Bond, secured by Mortgage.....	\$2,000 00
" paid students during the year.....	112 50
Balance on hand, interest March 31, 1898.....	301 93

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AS REPORTED BY
THE STATED CLERK.

DR.

To bill of the Board of Publication for printing minutes, distribution, etc.....	877 24
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By Cash received from Classes for minutes, postage, and expressage, and Cash sales by Board of Publication.	} <u>\$727 01</u>
Deficiency. ....		$150 23

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES EAST AND WEST

MAY 1st, 1898.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$ 1,700
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer ...	1,700
Rutgers.....	1,700
Heyer.....	1,700
Cornell.....	2,000
Wyckoff.....	2,500
Margaret Burgess....	1,700
John Clark.....	3,000
James Bogert, Jr.....	2,000
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700
Tannake Turk.....	1,700
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000
Stryker....	2,000
Hornbeck. Two Scholarships.....	4,000
Freeborn.....	2,000
James Bogert Jr. Second Scholarship.....	2,000
Cuyler	2,000
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Daniel L. Schanck.....	3,000
Moses Cowen.....	2,500
Bequest of Samuel Gates.....	1,745 68
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500
James Suydam. Four Scholarships	12,000
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402 64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500
Earnest Blois.....	2,500
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000
Bequest of Ann James.....	2,500
Amount carried forward.....	\$81,548 31

Amount brought forward.....		\$81,548 32
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	\$ 7,500	
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000	
Jacob Polhemus.....	2,500	
Abram Storms.....	2,000	
Gardner A. Sage. Two Scholarships.....	5,000	
Bequest of Maria Van Antwerp. For the James Van Antwerp Scholarship.....	2,522 72	
Bequest of Jane Brinkerhoff.....	5,000	
Bequest of Frederick J. Hosford. For Frederick Hosford Scholarship.....	2,500	
Bequest of David A. Jones.....	3,000	
Bequest of Robert Gaston.....	2,000	
Bequest of John Antonides, on account.....	9,322 67	
Bequest of Peter P. Schoonmaker.....	2,850	
Bequest of Sarah Benham.....	7,397 60	
Bequest of James E. Hedges For James E. Hedges Scholarship.....	2,500	
Bequest of Mary A. Bogardus. For James W. Bogardus Scholarship.....	3,000	
Bequest of Elias J. Hendrickson.....	10,000	
Bequest of Margaret Antoinette Thompson.....	2,000	
Bequest of Elizabeth H. Monroe. For Monroe Scholarship.....	2,500	
Sarah Suydam Lott, per Peter Lott.....	3,000	79 592 99
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		\$161,141 31

Bequests, etc , for the education of pious young men
preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Theo-
logical Seminary at New Brunswick, N.J., viz:

Bequest of John Kline.....	\$500	
Bequest of Nicholas Lansing.....	600	
Bequest of Janet Hinchman.....	470	
Gain on Sale of Government Bonds.....	468 54	
From family of the late Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D...	250	
Bequest of Sarah V. B. Benham.....	500	2,788 54
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		\$163,929 85

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, MAY 1st, 1898.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

MAY 1, 1898.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with the resolution of the General Synod, I herewith forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1898.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$7,500 00
Salaries, etc., of Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.	40 00
Salary, etc., of the Treasurers of General Synod Apportionment.	525 00
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	\$8,065 00
Estimated income for the year.....	7,100 00
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Estimated deficiency.....	965 00
By Balance on hand, May 1, 1898.....	\$1,085 97

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	\$800 00
Traveling expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies....	200 00
Salary, etc., of Stated Clerk.....	300 00
Salary, etc., of Permanent Clerk.....	225 00
Traveling expenses of Synod's Members of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary and Hope College Council.....	275 00
<i>Pro rata</i> expenses of Alliance of Reformed Churches.....	180 00
Expenses of meeting of General Synod.....	100 00
Sundries.....	300 00
Deficiency in receipts for Minutes. 1897.....	150 23
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	\$3,495 23

FRANK R. VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, MAY 1st, 1898.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN INDIA.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

PROFESSORSHIPS.

The General Synod.....	\$8,027 24	
The Collegiate Church.....	13,109 82	
	<hr/>	\$21,137 06

SCHOLARSHIPS' CHURCH.

Church of Hudson.. .. .	\$2,000 00	
Collegiate Church, of Harlem.....	2,001 00	
First Church, Albany.....	400 00	
Madison Ave Church, Albany.....	2,000 00	
First and Fair Sts. Churches, Kingston.....	782 00	
Clinton Ave. Church, Newark.....	1,255 00	
Flatbush Church	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,438 00

SCHOLARSHIPS INDIVIDUAL.

A Missionary Friend's half.....	\$1,000 00	
The Family Semelink.....	2,000 00	
Ormiston Memorial.....	2,000 00	
S. Talmage Mather.....	2,000 00	
Greenwood.....	2,000 00	
Donald Memorial.....	2,000 00	
Katharine A. Rockwell.....	2,000 00	
In His Name.....	2,000 00	
Gamaliel G. Smith.....	2,000 00	
Thomas and Sarah A. Jessup.....	2,000 00	
William Brush.....	2 000 00	
The Erskine Memorial.....	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$23,000 00

Total Endowment paid in.....	\$54,575 06
Railroad bonds bought below par, difference....	44 01
Gain on 12 shares Flatbush Gas Light Co. stock.	58 50
Gain on sale of Brooklyn City R. R. Co. Stocks and Bond.....	1,891 87
Gain on sale of One Bond Cedar Falls and Minnesota R.R.....	46 25
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	\$56,615 69

Paid assessment 6 per cent. on two Bonds \$1,000 each, St. Joseph and Grand Island R. R....	\$120 00	
Scholarships unpaid.....		2,000 00
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		\$58,615 69

The Fund at the present time amounts to \$58,615 69.

The Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Co., Wheeling Division, having defaulted in its payments, and being now in the hands of a Receiver, one first mortgage Bond of \$1,000 belonging to this Fund has been deposited with the Mercantile Trust Co., for which it has issued a certificate entitling the holder to all the benefits accruing from an agreement made with a Reorganization Committee of said railway. The Bond will probably be paid in full, principal and interest. During the year just closed \$2,522.52 have been remitted to the Arcot Mission, amount being interest received on the invested Fund.

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1898.

Dr. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 1st, 1898.

To Bonds and Mortgages and Bonds, etc..	\$ 755,458 35
Interest unpaid...	477
Suspense Account.....	3,760 17
Cash in Bank of the Metropolis	30,143 64
Cash on hand.....	458 47
Erection of dwelling for the Librarian of G. A Sage Library.....	2,000
Property No. 25 E. 22d St., N. Y.....	68,924 30
Real Estate Account.....	78,615 71
Insurance Account.....	71 82
Real Estate Contingent Expense Account.....	13,141 56
Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, Bonds and Mortgages, etc.....	51,189 44
" " " " Real Estate.....	3,500
" " " " Income	195 82

\$1,008,536 28

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BALANCE SHEET, MAY 1st, 1898.

FRANK R. VAN NEST, Treasurer.

The following report was presented by the Committee on the Board of Direction of the Corporation. It was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report,

The following papers and matters have been referred to them, viz:

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Annual Account of the Treasurer of General Synod.

Annual Digest, List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

Balance Sheet.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

List of Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminaries East and West.

Educational Fund Account.

Educational Income Account.

List of Securities belonging to the Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.

Van Bunschooten Fund Account.

Knox Fund Account.

Foreign Missions Account.

Estimate of expenses of General Synod for the current year.

List of Classes in arrears to Contingent Fund and

An overture from the Classis of Rochester requesting aid in defraying the expenses of its delegates to General Synod.

Report of the Council of Hope College.

From the report of the Board of Direction we learn that the steady reduction in the rate of interest on mortgages makes necessary a larger endowment for the Seminary and other funds.

This Committee desires to call especial attention to the report made to this Synod by the Special Committee

on the Finances of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

Particular reference has been made by the Board of Direction to the Widows' Fund, and to the Disabled Ministers' Fund, Both of these funds need the generous aid of all the Churches.

Seven Classes are in arrears for the Contingent Expenses of General Synod, to the amount of \$362.84.

The report of the Board of Direction makes the following statement:

"As Synod's Entertainment Fund, which we hold in trust, is for the time being larger than usual and larger (to the amount mentioned) than it will be necessary to reserve for Synod's uses during the coming year, the Board would suggest the following concerning it. For the last seven years, General Synod has met at Asbury Park, at inconvenience to itself for want of sufficient church accommodations. It has, also, for this length of time been receiving from the local church, of which Rev. Dr. Stryker is now Pastor, a generous hospitality to the extent of their means, and without any substantial return. Since they are now building a lecture room, an addition to the Church, which will be of service not only to themselves but to the Synod, it is the suggestion of the Board that Synod appropriate \$1,000—half the cost—out of the Entertainment Fund for the above mentioned purpose."

The Committee submits the following classified statement of the expenses of General Synod for the year ending April 30, 1898:

DEBIT.

Apportionment of Treasurer's salary..	\$518 32	
Deed.....	5 00	
Legal services.....	25 00	
Safe Deposit rent.....	35 00	
Book for Treasurer.....	3 75	
175 Reports of Board of Direction....	18 90	
	<hr/>	\$605 97

400 Catalogues Western Theological Seminary.....	\$13 00	
Attending meetings, Western Theological Seminary.....	111 00	
Attending meetings, Council of Hope College.....	121 55	
Insurance, Winant's Chapel and Graves' Library.....	82 50	
Insurance, Buildings, Library, and Furniture at Holland.....	129 50	
	<hr/>	457 55
Insurance, Museum at New Brunswick	\$25 00	
Printing and stationery for Seminary at New Brunswick.....	23 75	
Commencement expenses, Seminary at New Brunswick.....	3 00	
Salary of Clerk of Board of Superintendents, New Brunswick.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	76 75
General Synod Expenses, viz.:		
Stamps, stationery, postage, expressage, etc	\$27 43	
Printing Roll of Synod.....	9 50	
Paid Sexton of Asbury Park Church and Janitor of Auditorium.....	20 00	
Expenses of Sunday School Committee.....	8 50	
Salary of Stated Clerk.....	250 00	
Salary of Permanent Clerk.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	515 43
Pro-rata expenses Alliance of Reformed Churches.....		180 00
Travel expenses of Western Delegates		716 33
Postage and folding Dr. Stryker's Sermon.....		56 34
Expenses of attendance at 40th Anniversary of Prof. Woodbridge.....		10 00
Packing, cartage and freight on Dr. Gordon's Library.....		43 43

Deficiency in Minutes, 1895.....	\$75 25	
Deficiency in Minutes, 1896.....	89 43	
	<hr/>	164 68
Total expenses.....		\$2,826 48
Add the salaries of the three unen-		
dowed Professors.....		7,500 00
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		\$10,326 48
Balance on hand.....		\$1,085 97
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		<u>\$11,412 45</u>

CREDIT.

Balance from last account.....	\$793 86
Received from the Classes....	2,235 59
Received from Interest.....	7,025 03
Received from Silvernail Fund.....	1,357 97
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	<u>\$11,412 45</u>

The Committee recommend the following action :

1. WHEREAS, The term of office of Frederick Frelinghuysen as member of the Board of Direction, expires with the present session of Synod.

Resolved, That Frederick Frelinghuysen be and he is hereby elected a member of the Board of Direction for the term of five years.

2. WHEREAS, The term of office of William H. Jackson, as President of the Board of Direction, expires with the present session of Synod.

Resolved, That William H. Jackson be and he is hereby elected President of the Board of Direction for the current year.

3. *Resolved*, That Frank R. Van Nest be and he is hereby elected Treasurer of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America for the ensuing year, with the annual salary of \$2,500, payable quarterly upon his executing and delivering to the President of the Board of Direction a bond in the penal sum of \$10,000, conditioned

for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, in such terms and form as shall be approved by the Board of Direction, and with a surety company as the surety thereon, approved by the said Board.

4. *Resolved*, That the salaries of Professors Woodbridge, Demarest and Riggs, and the successor of the latter, for the present fiscal year, be at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, each, or so much thereof as the invested funds, applicable thereto, will produce, payable quarterly, with a residence.

5. *Resolved*. That the necessary moving expenses of the successor of Professor Riggs be paid upon the presentation of vouchers usually furnished in such cases to the Board of Direction, out of any available funds not otherwise appropriated.

6. *Resolved*, That the deficiency of the revenues to meet the expenses of General Synod, for the fiscal year commencing May 1st, 1898, which is estimated at the sum of \$2,000, be apportioned upon the several Classes and be collected from them in the usual manner.

7. This Committee recommends the strictest limitation in the appointment of delegates to attend meetings of Boards and other bodies, both West and East, and of Committees involving expenditures of money, and in the matter of printing, in order that the assessments upon the Classes for the current year may be no larger than absolutely necessary.

8. Your Committee hesitate to make a specific recommendation to divert a portion of the Entertainment Fund from the use for which it was contributed by the Classes, but at the same time, wishing to pay respect to the suggestion of Board of Direction, we submit the following resolution for the careful consideration and action of Synod :

Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion of the Board of Direction the sum of \$1,000 be and the same hereby is appropriated from the Entertainment Fund, to be paid towards the enlargement of the Church Building of the Reformed Church at Asbury Park, N. J., so that the same may be of service to the General Synod in future sessions, which may be held in said Church.

9. The Committee on Grounds and Buildings at Holland, Mich., have requested, through the report of the Council of Hope College, the General Synod to appropriate \$1000 for general maintenance and repairs. They state that there is a pressing and immediate need of money, to protect the property; that among other matters the roofs must be renewed, buildings repainted and walks relaid.

This Committee have to say that such expenditures for repairs and the care of this property, have heretofore been occasionally made, to the amount in one year of \$600, and subsequently of \$500, from a Temporary Contingent Fund, which has become entirely exhausted, and while it may be possible that an appropriation can be made from funds available for such purposes at this time, yet provision will have to be made for such expenses in the future, either by assessment upon the Classes, or by the income from a special fund, to be provided, as is the case with the Seminary at New Brunswick.

We recommend the following :

Resolved, That the sum of \$1000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of general repairs of the buildings and grounds at Holland, Mich., payable out of any available funds, not otherwise appropriated.

10. In regard to the overture of the Classis of Rochester, praying for aid in defraying the traveling expenses of its delegates in attendance upon General Synod to the extent of \$50 per annum, the committee do not see the way clear to advise such action, for fear of establishing a precedent by which neighboring Classes might make a similar request, which, if granted, would open wide a door for other Classes to enter in the same way.

W. L. M. PHELPS,
AUSTIN SCOTT,
J. DEN HERDER,
JOHN C. GIFFING,
W. H. RAINEY.

Dated June 7, 1898.

The report of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1896, and continued by the Synod of 1897, upon "The legality and expediency of a transfer of invested funds devoted to the use of our Western Institutions," reported a majority and a minority report. Both reports were accepted. The majority report was as follows :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

WHEREAS, The Council of Hope College did petition General Synod "That the Board of Direction be requested to transfer to the Council of Hope College all invested funds which it now holds as agent of General Synod in trust for Hope College as those moneys become due and payable upon the securities now held by said Board of Direction." And

WHEREAS, General Synod did thereupon appoint a special committee to report to the General Synod "upon the power, legality and expediency of such a transfer of invested funds devoted to the use of our Western institutions."

The Special Committee does respectfully report, as follows :

1. That the General Synod was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed April 7, 1819, and provides :

"That it shall be lawful for the regular members of the General Synod at their stated annual meetings to appoint a President, three Directors and a Treasurer of said corporation ; and to make and ordain by-laws and regulations relating to the management and disposition of their real and personal estate, the duties of the said President, Directors and Treasurer, and the duration of their respective office."

2. That the General Synod appoints yearly a President, three Directors and Treasurer called the "Board of

Direction of Corporation" and empowers such Board by one of its by-laws :

"To take care of and manage all property, real and personal, of General Synod, so as to preserve it from loss and injury, and increase its productiveness during the pleasure of Synod."

3. That no other Board can be created by the General Synod than that provided for in the above Act. That this Board are trustees and obligated and governed by the same law which applies to individual trustees and are responsible for all monies entrusted to its care. It cannot delegate its duties to others. The expediency or inexpediency of an act by trustees is a matter of discretion. And the discretion given and imposed upon a trustee cannot be exercised by another.

4. As to the liability of trustees investing trust funds out of the State of New York, the Court of Appeals in the case of *Ormiston vs. Olcott*, 84 N. Y., p. 339, held :

"An investment which takes the trust fund beyond our own jurisdiction, subjects it to other laws and the risk and inconvenience of distance and foreign tribunals will not be upheld by us as a general rule, and never unless in the presence of a clear and strong necessity or a very pressing emergency.

"The proper and prudent knowledge of values will become more difficult and uncertain ; watchfulness and personal care would in the main be replaced by confidence in distant agents and legal remedies would have to be sought under the disadvantages of distance and before different and unfamiliar tribunals.

"We do not hesitate, therefore, to recognize and declare as the general rule that the trustee who invests beyond the jurisdiction does so at the peril of being held responsible for the safety of the investment."

5. The law thus held and expressed renders it obligatory upon the Board of Direction to invest trust funds within the State of New York, and the members of the Board become personally responsible for investments made without the State.

Any direction by the General Synod as to investing trust funds out of this State will not relieve the members of the Board from personal liability.

Your committee, therefore, report that the investment of trust funds is properly subject to the control and in the discretion of the Board of Direction, and that the petition of the Council of Hope College ought not to be granted.

H. D. VAN ORDEN,
GILES H. MANDEVILLE.

The minority report was the same as the majority report to the close of first section of paragraph 5, after which it was as follows :

The funds in question, however, are not a part of General Synod's real and personal estate, and are, therefore, not covered by the statute of incorporation, and decisions hereinbefore referred to.

The funds are personal property belonging to Hope College, and the various donors *have simply placed them in the hands of General Synod, as trustees*, and at no time have they been a part of the property of General Synod.

The General Synod has invested these funds up to the present time, through its Board of Direction, for the benefit of Hope College, and in doing so has acted as trustee for that purpose.

These particular funds were not given to General Synod perpetually for the purpose of investment. They were donations to Hope College. The donors have not directed to what particular use these funds should be put, nor have they placed any restrictions upon General Synod, either as to place of investment or as to the time when the funds were to be turned over to the College.

If, therefore, General Synod deems it wise and for the best interests of the College to transfer all of these funds so held by Synod as trustees, such action, in our opinion, is clearly within the power of General Synod, and would be legal.

6. Your Committee deems it expedient that all

funds now so held by General Synod in trust for Hope College, be transferred to the Council of Hope College as the monies become due and payable upon the securities now held by the Board of Direction.

These funds can be safely invested in Michigan at a much higher rate of interest than can be secured in New York. And such transfer, if made, will be an annual gain of about \$800 to Hope College.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the petition of the Council of Hope College be granted.

G. J. DIEKEMA.

A motion was made to adopt the minority report as an amendment to the majority report. Lost.

The following amendment was then offered to the majority report :

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorized to turn over to the Council of Hope College such funds of the endowment of Hope College as were given directly to the College ; *provided*, they can do so without incurring personally responsibility for the administration of the above mentioned funds in the future.

This amendment was adopted. The majority report as amended was adopted.

ARTICLE V.

PROFESSORATE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

The following reports were received from the Boards of Superintendents of the Theological Seminaries, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on Report to General Synod present the following report.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Sem-

inary at New Brunswick, N. J., met at James Suydam Hall on Wednesday, May 18, 1898, at 11 o'clock, A. M. President Elder Austin Scott, LL.D. presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. James Demarest, D.D.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D., was chosen president and Rev. Chas. S. Wright, temporary Clerk.

The following members were present :

Classis of Albany—Rev. E. G. Selden, D.D.

- “ Bergen—Rev. Charles S. Wright.
- “ South Bergen—Rev T. J. Kommers.
- “ Greene—Rev. F. S. Barnum.
- “ Hudson—
- “ Kingston—Rev. J. L. McNair.
- “ North Long Island—Rev. James Demarst, D.D.
- “ South Long Island—Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D.
- “ Monmouth—Rev. Garret Wycoff.
- “ Montgomery—Rev. John A. DeBaun, D.D.
- “ Newark—Rev. Cornelius Schenck, Ph.D.
- “ New Brunswick—Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
- “ New York—Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., LL.D.
- “ Orange—Rev. Herman C. Berg, D.D.
- “ Paramus—Rev. W. H. Vroom.
- “ Passaic—Rev. J. B. Church.
- “ Philadelphia—Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D.
- “ Poughkeepsie—Rev. Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D.
- “ Raritan—Rev. E. G. Read, D.D.
- “ Rensselaer—Rev. J. B. Drury, D.D.
- “ Saratoga—Rev O. H. Walser.
- “ Schenectady—Rev. C. P. Ditmars.
- “ Schoharie—Rev Herbert B. Roberts.
- “ Ulster—A. J. Sebring.
- “ Westchester—Rev. Joseph A. Harper.

Prof. S. M. Woodbridge representing the Faculty ex-officio.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE—*Particular Synod of Albany:*
Elder W. L. N. Phelps. *Particular Synod of New Bruns-*

wick: Elders Henry W. Hoagland, Austin Scott, LL.D.
Particular Synod of New York: Elder John C. Giffing.

Vacancies for full term are to be filled in the Classes of Greene, Kingston, Montgomery, Passaic and Rochester.

In the Particular Synod of New York a vacancy for full term of five years.

In the Particular Synod of New Brunswick a vacancy for the full term of five years.

The Faculty presented the annual report of the Seminary for the year ending May 19, 1898, showing attendance of a total of 41 students, 12 Seniors, 15 Middlers and 14 Juniors.

Senior Class.

Henry Bacon Allen,
 John Parsons Atwater,
 Theo. Floyd Bayles,
 Geo. C. Dangremond,
 Herman C. Ficken,
 Garret Flikkema,

Harris A. Freer,
 Chas. Wyckoff Gulick,
 John F. Heemstra,
 Hans H. Spoer,
 John Van der Meulen,
 Herman Chas. Weber.

Middle Class.

Henry Wells Brink,
 Willard Conger,
 John Peter Faber,
 Fletcher V. W. Lehman,
 Chas. Gilbert Mallery,
 Edward Jay Meeker,
 Chas. Morris Meyers,

Wm. Addison Ranney,
 D. Cornelius Ruigh,
 George Schnücker,
 Wm. Cornelius Spaan,
 Francis Edward Tilton,
 Sheldon Vandeburg,
 John Brownlee Voorhees,

Edward T. F. Randolph.

Junior Class.

Ernest Ramon Brown,
 Peter Bruce,

Orlando B. Pershing,
 Francis A. Seibert,

Clifford P. Case,
Floris Ferwerda,
Andrew J. Meyer,
James E. Moerdyke,
Archibald F. Parker,

Jacob Van der Meulen, Jr.,
Paul John Strohauer,
Andrew J. Walter,
A. Livingston Warnshuis,
Gustavus Watermuelder.

The Committee on Written Examination reported that the examinations of the various classes had been conducted according to the plan ; and that without exception these were deemed satisfactory, and all the students were recommended for advancement in order. The Oral examinations were conducted in the presence of the different sections of the Board. It was

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class receive professorial certificates ; that the students of the Middle Class be promoted to the Senior ; and that the students of the Junior Class be promoted to the Middle.

The President announced the result of the examination to the students.

The students of the Senior Class each delivered portions of a sermon before the Board, and were examined as to personal experience and their motives for giving themselves to the Gospel Ministry. Written sermons were submitted for examination by the two upper Classes.

The report of the Faculty was received. Resolutions in regard to matters referred to in the report were adopted.

That the Board deeply deplores the backward steps which have been forced by the decline of income, and sincerely hopes that means may be devised by General Synod for the immediate resumption of special instruction in music and elocution and the printing of lectures, and that we express our regret at the resignation of Prof. Riggs and record our high estimate of his six years of faithful and successful labor in the Seminary.

A special Committee appointed to consider the finances of the Seminary brought in the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be sent in this report to Synod.

The Board contemplates with deep solicitude the crippled condition of the finances of the Theological Seminary as impairing the efficiency of its work, and subjecting to no little inconvenience and embarrassment those who are responsible for the conduct of its affairs, whether in educational or other relations, and would earnestly urge the Synod to devise such measures of relief as in its judgment will meet the conditions set forth in the report of the Special Committee of Synod appointed last year, and to be presented to the Synod at its approaching meeting.

The Permanent Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property presented their report, which is transmitted to General Synod through this Board.

The examinations for the degree of *B. D.* will be had in January next.

Mr. Herman C. Weber, of the Senior Class, having completed the required course in Dr. Lansing's department, was examined by Rev. P. H. Milliken, and duly certified to the Faculty for presentation to the Trustees of Rutgers College for the degree.

The Graves lectures were delivered this year by the Revs. S. M. Zwemer, Drs. A. C. Sewal, C. L. Wells, M. H. Hutton and E. A. Collier.

Mr. A. L. Warnshuis has been awarded a prize for reading Greek at sight.

The following Committee on Written Examinations were appointed for the year 1899 :

Primarii.

Secundi.

Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D.,
 " E. G. Rend, D.D.,
 " J. B. Drury, D.D.,
 " E. B. Coe, D.D., LL.D.,
 " W. H. Vroom,
 " A. D. Campbell,

Rev. H. B. Roberts,
 " C. S. Wright,
 " O. H. Walser,
 " T. J. Kommers,
 " A. H. Huizinga, Ph.D.,
 " G. Wycoff.

Committee on mid-winter examinations were ap-

pointed, consisting of Elder Austin Scott, LL.D., Rev. Dr. J. B. Drury and Rev. A. D. Campbell.

The usual conference of the faculty was held on Thursday. The President of the Board, Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D., was selected to deliver the annual address to the graduating class in May, 1899, with Rev. H. C. Berg, D.D., as *Secundus*.

Closing exercises were held Thursday Evening, 19th inst., in the First Reformed Church. Addresses were delivered by Theo. Floyd Bayles, Spotswood, N. J., Chas. W. Gulick, New Brunswick, N. J., John F. Heemstra, Orange City, Iowa.

The Professorial Certificates were presented to the graduating class by Prof. Samuel L. Woodbridge, D.D., and the address on behalf of the Board to the graduates was delivered by Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.

Minutes read and approved, and the Board adjourned with Prayer by Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D.

C. L. WELLS,
JAMES DEMAREST,
A. H. HUIZINGA,
Committee.

Attest :

P. T. POCKMAN,
Stated Clerk.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS
OF THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the General Synod, R. C. A.

The Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary met in Semelink Hall, on Tuesday, April 26th, 1898, and was organized by the election of the Rev. John Broek as President.

The following members were present :

Ex-Officio, G. J. Kollen, LL.D., President of Hope College.

From the Synod of Albany, Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D.
 " " New Brunswick, Rev. A. Paige Peeke.
 " " Chicago, Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D.
 Rev. A. Buursma,
 Rev. John Lamar,
 Elder, D. J. DeJonge

From the Classis of Grand River, Rev. Dirk Broek.
 " " Holland, Rev. A. VandenBerg.
 " " Illinois, Rev. P. F. Schuelke.
 " " Michigan, Rev. J. A. DeSpelder.
 " " Wisconsin, Rev. John Broek.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Faculty presented their annual report to the Board, from which it appears, that the following students have been in attendance; Senior seven; Middle Class, four; Junior thirteen; total twenty-four.

Senior Class.

Albert W. DeJonge,	Harm Dykhuizen,
John Engelsman,	Harke Frieling,
J. H. E. TeGrootenhuis,	William Gruys,
Benjamin Hoffman.	

Middle Class.

Edward Kelder,	J. Wm. Kots,
Frederic Lubbers,	John G. Theilken.

Junior Class.

Eerko Aeilts,	Nicholas Boer,
Jacob Brummel,	George E. Cook,

B. DeJonge,	John DeJongh,
Gerrit J. Huizinga,	Gerrit Kooiker,
Tony Rozendal,	Henry P. Schuurmans,
Henry L. Yonker,	R. D. Dykstra,
Jacob Van der Meulen.	

This total of twenty-four students is the largest in the history of the Seminary, and the Faculty's report records the diligence and fidelity and earnestness, which have characterized their course.

Examinations.

The Committee on *written* examinations presented their report, and *oral* examinations were conducted before different sections of the Board.

The Senior Class were heard in preaching and were duly examined in personal piety and their views and motives in seeking the ministry. The other classes submitted written sermons for examination. It was

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class be recommended for Professorial Certificates, and that the members of the Middle and Junior Classes be advanced.

This action was announced to the students by the President, with appropriate remarks.

Lectures.

During the year a course of lectures was given by Hon. G. J. Diekema, Rev. John Van der Meulen, D.D., Rev. Peter Moerdyke, D.D., Rev. A. Buursma, Rev. Jacob Van der Meulen, D.D., and Rev. S. M. Zwemer. The value of these lectures was cordially recognized and the institution of a similar course in the coming year requested.

The Board having requested the Faculty to relieve

the students of needless labor in the copying of written lectures, it was

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to print syllabi of lectures so far as may be needful, as for the New Brunswick Seminary.

Library.

The report of the Faculty and of a Committee of the Board call attention to the following gifts:

Books from the libraries of the late Revs. W. R. Gordon, D.D., and George J. Van Neste, and an electric bell outfit for Semelink Hall from Siegel, Cooper & Co., of Chicago. For these the thanks of the Board were heartily expressed.

Financial.

The Rev. Jas. F. Zwemer was continued in office as the financial agent of the Seminary to secure pledged amounts needed for the present maintenance of the Seminary.

The speedy completion of the endowments is of vital importance. The Seminary is suffering now, and is likely to suffer yet more and most seriously, if it is not put upon a strong and enduring foundation. The work which this Seminary has done and is now doing gives it an urgent claim upon the affection and large beneficence of the Church.

The Board appointed Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D., as Endowment Agent to secure as soon as possible the completion of the endowments. The Synod's approval of this appointment and his recommendation to the liberality of the churches is urgently requested.

The annual appropriation by General Synod of \$150, for the care of Semelink Hall is important, as there are no other resources for contingent expenses.

Rev. J. T. Bergen, of Hope College, has continued

his gratuitous, valuable instruction in elocution. Cordial recognition of this service was given, and its continuance is greatly to be desired.

Commencement.

The closing exercises were held in the First Reformed Church, of Holland, Mich., on Wednesday evening. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. P. Peeke, as the representative of the Board, and by Rev. Prof. J. W. Beardslee, D. D., in connection with the presentation of the Professorial certificates.

The Board resolved to return to the practice, suspended for one year, of representing the graduating class by the delivery of two addresses at the Seminary commencement.

The Rev. A. Vanden Berg was appointed to address the students as the representative of the Board next year, with President G. J. Kollen as his secundus.

Vacancies

Vacancies for the full term of five years are to be filled from the Particular Synod of New York, from the Classes of Holland and Pleasant Prairie; and of one minister and one elder from the Particular Synod of Chicago.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Board adjourned with prayer, on Wednesday, April 27, at 6 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
A. VANDEN BERG,
D. BROEK.

A true copy.

Attest :

P. MOERDYKE,
Stated Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN THE ARCOT
MISSION, INDIA.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary in the Arcot Mission met twice during 1897. The first meeting was for the reception of students, at which the following ten students were admitted to form a day class:

Three, viz.: P. J. Joseph, Peter Isaiah and Peter Manikam, from the Vellore High School, recommended by the Arcot Mission; and seven sent to us by Rev. John Stewart, of the Free Church of Scotland's Mission in Madras, viz.: Gurubatham Isaiah, M. P. Samuel, Suran-gapani Solomon, Tamotharam Sattianadhan, J. C. Pakia-nadhan, David R. William, Jeremiah Paul. All the expenses of these seven are borne by the F. C. Mission, and the Board was very glad to receive them for instruction with our students.

The second meeting of the Board was held at Palmaner on December 8th and 9th for the annual examination of the students. The examination began at 8 A. M. on the 8th and continued until 4 P. M. of the 9th, the Board dividing itself into two sections that more time might be given to each subject in each class.

The SENIOR CLASS, consisting of Joseph John, J. P. Timothy, Samuel Thomas, J. I. David were examined in

Systematic Theology.

Church Government.

Pastoral Theology.

Heidelberg Catechism.

Moral Philosophy.

Telugu Grammar and Reading.

Exposition of Romans.

Constitution of the Reformed Church.

Homiletics.

Test of Religions.

Sanskrit Grammar and Reading.

The UPPER MIDDLE CLASS, consisting of Edward Bedford, John Kay Nathaniel, D. Lazarus. Joseph Paul Bailey, A. Isaac were examined in

Systematic Theology.

Church Government, Part I.

Pastoral Theology, Secs. 1-12.

Moral Philosophy, Part I.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part III.

Telugu Grammar and Reading.

Exposition of Romans.

Church History, Part II.

Homiletics, Part II.

Test of Religions, Part I.

Sanskrit Grammar and Reading.

The LOWER MIDDLE CLASS, consisting of Moses Joshua, C. Iyakan, Asiroadam Joseph, P. Kadarivelu, were examined in

Systematic Theology, Part I.

Sacred History, Part II.

Natural Theology, Part II.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part II.

Telugu Grammar and Reading.

Exposition of Romans, Part I.

Church History, Part I.

Evidences of Christianity, Part II.

Sanskrit Grammar and Reading.

The LAY CLASS, consisting of P. J. Joseph, Surangapani Solomon, Peter Isaiah, Tamotharam Sattianadhan, Peter Manikam, J. C. Pakianadhan, Gurubatham Isaiah, David R. William, M. P. Samuel, Jeremiah Paul, were examined in

Introduction to the Old Testament.

Introduction to the New Testament.

Outlines of Theology.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part I.

Evidences of Christianity.

Natural Theology.

Homiletics, Part I.

Church History, Part I.

The BIBLE WOMAN'S CLASS, consisting of thirteen, were examined in Outlines of Biblical Study (Leviticus Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, with the History and character of Solomon and description of temple with drawings.

At the conclusion of the examinations the Board met by themselves. The examinations were all declared sustained, those of the Senior Class and the Lay Class with special credit.

The closing exercises were held in the Seminary Lecture Hall, all the students and their friends being present. The results of the examinations were announced. Rev. Dr. J. W. Scudder, Professor of Theology, presented the Professorial Certificates and gave a farewell address to the Graduating Class, and gave also certificates to the three graduates of the four years' course for Bible women. An address in behalf of the Board was also made by Rev. J. Chamberlain, and the meeting was closed with prayer and the benediction.

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN,
Stated Clerk.

KODAI KUNAL, INDIA, April 26, 1898.

The Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries presented a partial report. It was accepted and adopted and is as follows :

The Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries respectfully reports.

The Rev. James F. Riggs in a letter dated May 31st, 1898, resigns the position of Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, desiring to return to the pastorate; and requests a certificate of regular standing

as a Minister of the Gospel, dismissing him to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, N. J.

We recommend the following,

Resolved, that while appreciating the great ability, constant faithfulness and satisfactory manner in which Professor Riggs has fulfilled the duties of his office, we hereby accept his resignation to take effect Sept. 1st, 1898.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be authorized to give him the certificate desired.

Prof. Riggs signified his purpose to resign to the President of the General Synod in a letter dated Feb. 28th, 1898.

The Stated Clerk of the General Synod notified the various Classes of the coming vacancy in the Theological Seminary.

The following Classes at their Spring Meetings, exercised as follows their constitutional right to nominate to the General Synod candidates for that position.

The Classes of Hudson, Orange, Rochester, South Bergen, Bergen, South Long Island, Schoharie, Westchester and New York have nominated Rev. John H. Gillespie.

The Classes of Greene, Rensselaer, Albany and New Brunswick nominated Rev. Edward B. Coe.

Dr. Coe in a letter to the Christian Intelligencer has requested that his name be not considered by the Synod.

The Classes of Pleasant Prairie, Grand River and Wisconsin have nominated Rev. N. M. Steffens.

The Classes of Newark and North Long Island have nominated Rev. Jos. T. Duryea. Dr. Duryea has since died.

The Classes of Montgomery and Raritan have nominated Rev. H. DuB. Mulford.

The Classes of Schenectady and Monmouth have nominated Rev. C. H. Polhemus.

The Classis of Michigan nominated Rev. Geo. Z. Collier.

The Classes of Poughkeepsie and Ulster nominated Rev. A. H. Huizinga.

The Classis of Passaic nominated Rev. P. T. Pockman.

The Classis of Kingston nominated Rev. F. S. Schenck.

The Classis of Illinois nominated Rev. P. Moerdyke.

The Classis of Paramus nominated Rev. P. H. Milliken.

The Classis of Iowa nominated Rev. Peter DePree.

The Classis of Holland nominated Rev. John A. De Spelder.

The Classis of Dakota nominated Rev. James Sterrenberg.

The Classis of Philadelphia nominated Rev. G. Taylor.

Dr. Taylor has requested by letter that his name be not considered by the Synod.

The General Synod is given by the Constitution the right to nominate three in addition to those nominated by the Classis. We recommend the following action.

Resolved, the General Synod at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon exercise its Constitutional right of nomination in the following manner.

1st. A ballot shall be taken naming the candidates.

2d. A nominating ballot shall be taken from those named in the first ballot and the three receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated by the Synod.

Resolved, that on Friday morning at ten o'clock, the Synod proceed to the election of a Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

At the time appointed, Thursday, p. m., the Synod proceeded to ballot for nominations for Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. The President decided that votes could not be cast for any of the candi-

dates nominated by the Classes. The following nominations were made: Revs. M. H. Hutton, W. H. S. Demarest and Chas. W. Fritts.

On Friday morning the Synod proceeded to elect by ballot a professor from the nominations made by the Classes and the General Synod. The Rev. John H. Gillespie, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich., was chosen on the seventeenth ballot. On motion his election was made unanimous, and the Stated Clerk was directed to send a telegram to the Professor-elect and inform him of the decision of the Synod.

On Saturday morning the following telegram was received by the Stated Clerk and read to the Synod:

"Since it is manifestly a call from God, there is nothing to do but accept."

(Signed)

JOHN H. GILLESPIE.

The Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries presented the remainder of their report. It was accepted, amended and adopted. It is as follows:

The Synod having elected Rev. J. H. Gillespie to be Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., your committee recommend that his salary be fixed at (\$2,500) twenty-five hundred dollars a year with the use of a professorial residence; also that the moving expenses of Prof. Gillespie be paid, and that Elder John S. Bussing be a Committee having that matter in charge.

We further recommend that the installation of Prof. Gillespie be held in the Second Reformed Church in New Brunswick on Tuesday, September 27th, 1898, at 10.30 A.M.; that the President of the General Synod, Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., preside, read the form and preach the sermon; that Rev. P. H. Malliken, Ph.D., the President of the Board of Superintendents, deliver the charge to the Professor-elect, and that Prof. Gillespie deliver an Inaugural Address; and further that Rev. Dr. Hutton and President Austin Scott be a committee to arrange the services.

Your Committee having observed the working of the plan of nomination the Synod adopted upon their recommendation, beg leave to express their opinion, as a suggestion from experience for further action, that some unhappy features of it might be avoided by either of the following plans :

1. Have but one ballot, and have each member vote for three persons, the three standing highest to be the nominees of the Synod ; or

2. Have three ballots and the one standing highest on each ballot to be the nominee of the Synod.

The reports of the Boards of Superintendents of our three theological seminaries to the General Synod have been referred to this Committee.

The year's history they recount and the conditions they describe should encourage and stimulate the Church to the enthusiastic support of these schools for the training of her sons to preach the Gospel of her Lord.

The quality of the instruction given, the attractiveness of the Seminaries among the many in our land and the consecration of our young men to the Gospel ministry are manifest in the record of the year. There were forty-one students in attendance at New Brunswick, twenty-four students in the Western Theological Seminary, the largest number in the history of that institution, and thirteen in the Seminary in India, a total of seventy-eight students. In the Arcot Seminary also a Lay Class of ten members was formed at the beginning of the year ; three of these came from our own Mission and seven from the Mission of the Free Church of Scotland, in Madras, their expenses being borne by that Mission ; thus our Church gladly uses her Theological Seminary to aid in the great work of training a native ministry for India beyond the borders of our special field. Of these eighty-eight students who have passed the year in our Seminaries and whose examinations have been highly satisfactory to the Boards of Superintendents eleven have just graduated from New Brunswick, seven from the Western Theological Seminary and four from the Seminary of the Arcot Mission. In all twenty-two young men trained in these schools of the

Church to carry the Gospel into all the earth and now standing ready for their work. The Church may well praise her Lord for His blessing upon this department of her life.

The Boards of our two Seminaries in this country bring to the attention of the Synod certain features of their present condition, which demand our most careful consideration, and such wise and liberal action as shall prevent their receding and shall secure their advance to a still more flourishing position.

The securely invested funds of the Seminary at New Brunswick bring in now a much lower rate of interest than they did thirty years ago. While rates of interest from the maintaining of funds have diminished in thirty years the cost of the maintenance of buildings and property and of modern improvements is to-day greater than ever. Then too the salaries of our Professors to maintain them as other kindred institutions do theirs, and to secure the highest order of talent and even of consecrated genius for our Seminary, can not decrease, but may advance with the advancing age.

Thus it will be easily seen the Endowment which our fathers provided for our Seminary and which we have carefully guarded and prudently administered now needs to be increased by our generation.

The present Endowment does not provide for the suitable care of our valuable property at New Brunswick and does not provide for the salaries which our Professors receive. Our church of course will not even consider letting our property fall into ruin and our Professors be underpaid. Either then we must provide each year by some special effort for a growing deficiency or we must at once seek an increased Endowment. To secure an Endowment amply sufficient for present needs not only, but for a healthful development is surely the call of God. Our fathers did nobly in providing for an Educated Ministry, shall we, far more wealthy than they, now fail to care for and carry on their work. Let us rather honor our sires in honoring ourselves.

The condition of our Western Theological Seminary

is perhaps still more critical. Of our three Professorships there, one is fully endowed, the second is two-thirds endowed, the third is not endowed at all. When the General Synod elected the third Professor four years ago, it was understood that his salary would be provided for by the pledged yearly contributions of individuals and churches for five years. This has been faithfully done for four years and will be done this coming year. It was also understood that during these five years an endowment for that Professorship would be secured. Whatever plans have been considered or efforts made no such result has been attained. Nor in truth any result at all in that direction. The last year is now upon us. And beyond this no provision whatever is made for that Professorship. It is possible of course that some of the pledges may be continued for a few years. But this cannot be seriously considered as a suitable way of maintaining a permanent Professorship. The only proper thing for our church to do is to secure at once the complete endowment of the third Professorship and finish the endowment of the second Professorship.

While the need of our Western Seminary for an increased endowment of \$50,000 is as pressing as that of our Seminary at New Brunswick for \$150,000, it does not seem wise to combine the two causes in one effort, surely it is not wise to attempt the two efforts at the same time.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod last year has carefully investigated the needs of the Seminary at New Brunswick and has been continued by this Synod to carry their plan of raising the needed endowment into execution. This effort must not be endangered by inserting at this late hour another cause, however pressing its importance. The Western Seminary must wait at least one year in order that the Seminary at New Brunswick may be assured of success.

We recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, that the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary be requested to carefully set forth the need of that Seminary and to form a

plan for securing an increase of its endowment and to report to the General Synod at its next Annual Meeting.

2. *Resolved*, that Rev. James F. Zwemer be authorized to collect the pledges for the present year, and to secure the renewal of pledges for three years, or until the endowment be secured.

3. *Resolved*, that Rev. James F. Zwemer be authorized to secure the consent of all in interest and then to apply the subscriptions to the General Endowment Fund of the Western Schools which remain unpaid to the endowment of the second Professorship in the Western Theological Seminary.

We also recommend that the annual appropriation of \$150 for the care of Semelink Hall be continued this year, and that an appropriation of \$300 be made to the Professors to meet the much needed syllabi of lectures for the use of their students.

We recommend to fill vacancies for the full term of five years in the Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick, as nominated by Classes.

Classis of Passaic—Rev. F. S. Wilson.

“ Montgomery—Rev. R. A. Pearse.

“ Kingston—Rev. C. E. Lasher.

“ Greene—Rev. W. H. S. Demarest.

“ North Long Island—Rev. E. Tilton.

Your Committee nominate for the Classis of Rochester, Rev. P. G. M. Bahler.

For the Particular Synod of New York, Elder John C. Giffing.

For the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, Elder Henry W. Hoagland.

We also nominate Elder Frederick T. Kirk to be a member of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and property at New Brunswick.

For the Board of Superintendents at Holland for five years, the Classis of Holland has nominated Rev. A. Vandenberg.

We nominate for the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, Rev. John Mueller.

For Particular Synod of New York, Rev. F. S. Schenck.

For the Particular Synod of Chicago, Rev. A. Buursma and Elder J. H. Nichols.

The following applications for dispensations have been referred to your Committee :

The North Classis of Long Island desires a dispensation to examine for licensure and ordination, Mr. Wm. H. Jackson, on all subjects except Greek and Hebrew. Mr. Jackson has attended the Bible School at Northfield ; has done excellent evangelistic work ; for two years he was the assistant of Rev. Mr. Lloyd in Brooklyn, and for the past two years has had charge of the Bushwick Reformed Church. His work has been able and faithful and greatly blessed, and the Classis is well satisfied that the Lord has called him into His ministry.

We recommend that the request be granted.

The Classis of Kingston apply for a dispensation from a College course for Mr. Garret De Graff that he may enter our Seminary at New Brunswick.

Mr. De Graff is over thirty years of age. He has done evangelistic work in the Classis, and has recently had charge of one of the Churches of the Classis to its entire satisfaction and the welfare of the Church. He has also faithfully pursued a course of study under a member of the Classis. The members of Synod from that Classis speak of him in high terms of confidence and approval.

We recommend the application be granted.

The following applications for a dispensation from a Professorial Certificate are made :

Classis of New York for Wm. Dana Street, a graduate of Union Seminary, and about to be called as an assistant pastor of the Madison Avenue Church.

Classis of Newark for Charles L. Lawrence, a gradu-

ate of Union Seminary, and now employed as an assistant to Dr. Mackay by the North Reformed Church.

Classis of Wisconsin for Henry M. Bruins, a graduate of Hope College and Princeton Seminary.

Classis of Schenectady for R. Howard Potter, a graduate of the Chicago Seminary, and called to be the pastor of the Reformed Church of Flushing, Long Island.

Classis of Orange for S. T. Clifton, a graduate of Union Seminary, and called to be pastor of the Reformed Church of Mamakating.

Classis of Michigan for John Van de Ewe, a graduate of Princeton Seminary, and called to be pastor of one of our Reformed Churches in Grand Rapids.

We recommend that these applications be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SCHENCK,
JAMES LE FEVRE,
F. S. BARNUM,
W. H. WILLIAMSON,
WM. FREDERIC LAYTON,
WM. THOMSON,
A. SMITH,
P. H. DE JONG,
J. O. GREEN, M.D.,

Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, Prof. J. P. Searle, D.D., of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, addressed the Synod, presenting the greetings of his associates and stating the condition of the Seminary.

Resolved, that the matter of the removal of the new Professor be referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

Resolved, that the Board of Publication be directed to publish the Installation Services of Professor Gillespie in suitable pamphlet form, and that they pay the cost of such publication.

The instrument, certifying the appointment, and specifying the general duties of the office, to which Rev. John H. Gillespie has been elected by the General Synod, was signed by the President in the presence of General Synod.

The special Committee on Finances of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, appointed by the last Synod presented their report. It was accepted, amended and adopted. It is as follows :

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCES OF
THE SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

This Committee was appointed by last year's Synod to meet during the year and consider the present financial condition of the Seminary, and to devise such means in its behalf as might seem necessary. Its appointment was urged by resolutions of the Standing Committee on Seminary grounds, of the Board of Superintendents, and of Synod's Committee on the Professorate. It was to consist of two members of the Board of Direction, two from the Board of Superintendents, two from the Standing Committee, with others if afterwards found desirable. The undersigned, composing it, now report.

The necessity for such a Committee, and for action in the premises, may be briefly stated. It arises from the fact that since 1882—when the endowment of the Seminary was practically made complete—by the well known shrinkage in interest rates and the income from investments, what was at that time deemed sufficient has turned into a serious deficiency. At that date, the total principal of the funds applicable to Seminary uses was (in round numbers) \$329,000. Since then, through the creation of the Silvernail Fund, the generous bequest of Miss Sarah Benham, and one or two other ways, the amount has risen to \$369,000—or an increase of \$40,000. Nevertheless, (excluding from the count the Gardner A. Sage Professorship endowment) the decline in income amounts to-day to \$4,800—i. e., to one fourth the income of 1882.

That the Synod may have before it a more detailed statement, we may refer to the *Property Funds*—held in trust by the Board of Direction, but the income expended by the Standing Committee. Of these funds there are six, to-wit: the Hertzog Hall Maintenance Fund, and that for the Library, created by Mr. Gardner A. Sage; the Hertzog Hall Repair Fund, created by Mrs. Ann Hertzog; the Suydam Hall Maintenance Fund, and the Grounds and Buildings fund, created by Mr. Suydam; and the Professorial Residences Fund, formed subsequently from the unused money left over from the building of the Suydam Professorship house. The income from all of these is restricted absolutely to specified objects. They are maintenance funds; the income carrying of necessity certain “fixed charges,” to-wit: the salary of a Superintendent of Halls and Grounds, of a Janitor or engineer; for the Library, that of a Librarian, and interest on a loan; with coal, gas and water bills. Besides which, they are expected to provide for certain other things; for instance, the *Professorial Residence Fund* (\$11,134.99), out of a surplus revenue over “fixed charges,” of \$455.58, to provide for repairs to five houses, only two of which are really well built; while one will soon need the whole income of a year and a half. Again, the *Grounds and Buildings Fund*, (\$20,000) whose applicable annual surplus over the “fixed charges” is only \$442, has to care for the drainage of the whole property, for the lawns, for 1,200 feet of private roads, for 1,500 feet of public sidewalks, and, if necessary, supplement every other repair fund! “Of course” (say the standing committee) “it fails to do all this.” Likewise, again, as to the *Hertzog Hall Maintenance Fund*, (\$25,000). From the fund and from room rents, the income is \$2,037; but above the fixed charges, there is only a surplus of \$22. Yet it is expected to keep up a table service and the furniture of some forty-eight rooms. The bedding alone at present requires an outlay of at least \$300, since it has almost reached the border line of health and decency. The largest of these funds is the *Sage Library Fund*, \$35,000. Mr. Sage meant it to be sufficient. But the Standing Committee reports an annual *deficiency*

in income of \$165. The heating apparatus is in a state of "partial collapse;" with other almost immediate necessities for the care and maintenance of this the Synod's most precious possession, with its 45000 books. Still more, as an extra upon all the property, and chargeable upon its revenues, the city has recently laid upon it a sewer assessment and a street paving assessment amounting to \$920; whilst it has been necessary to renew the heating of Hertzog Hall, at a debt cost of \$700.

After examining with care this whole subject of the property, the funds, its needs present and prospective, the Standing Committee has addressed to the Special Committee its "deliberate conviction," first,

As to the Sage Library Maintenance Fund: that it should be increased \$10,000. The Committee are also asked to take measures to raise \$1,000 to pay off existing demands against it.

As to Hertzog Hall Maintenance Fund: that this, also, should be increased \$10,000; and an extra \$1,000 be raised for indebtedness and immediate necessities.

As to the Grounds and Buildings Fund: that, in view of the city assessments, \$1,000 is needed as soon as may be. But that, to make the fund itself adequate to the various purposes it has and will have to meet, no less than \$30,000 should be added thereto. This is their "deliberate conviction," and they close with these words: "In making these requests, which amount to \$53,000, the Committee have had definitely in mind the following facts:

(1) That the amount they will add to the income of the Committee at the prevailing rate of interest will not make that amount much more than equal to the income of the Committee in recent years.

(2) That but two gifts of special size have been received for the Seminary in more than fifteen years.

(3) That the Church has not been called upon for gifts for the Seminary for more than twenty years.

(4) That there are scarcely any living who have ever contributed a dollar for the Seminary's support."

But the true life of the Seminary is on its educational sides. We, therefore, turn to the needs of its *Educational Funds*. Of these, two are supposed completely to endow two of the five professorships. The Suydam Professorial Fund amounts to \$60,000, and netted the Professor of Theology, in 1897, \$2555. On the other hand, the Gardner A. Sage endowment, which is \$50,000, yielded the occupant of that chair, in 1897, only \$2130, \$370 less than the usual salaries paid from the general fund, for the unendowed Professorships. These latter, the three unendowed Professorships, are (or are supposed to be) supported by the *General Seminary Fund*, amounting to \$107,345. But what are the facts? There are four other funds, to wit: the *Fourth Professorship Fund*, amounting to \$30,597, an attempt of years ago to endow the chair of Pastoral Theology; the *Thomas DeWitt Fund*, amounting to \$6,015, a like attempt to endow the chair of Biblical languages; the *Centennial Fund*, of small amount; and the *Angelina Silvernail Fund*, amounting to \$23,027, a most helpful supplement to the rest. The total principal of all, for the service of the Educational Department, is \$168,243; the net income \$7,167, not enough by \$332, to meet the three salaries of the unendowed Professorships, to say nothing of other expenses which must be charged to them. They fail to meet their past productiveness by \$1,678, which represents a necessary addition to the endowments of at least \$40,000, at the present rate of interest.

The communication of the Standing Committee from which we have taken these statements and figures, without reproducing their entire figuring, evidently required of your Committee something more than suggestions to Synod, and at once. We, therefore, authorized a sub-Committee to issue letters, outlining the state of affairs, to individual members of the Reformed Church. That work has been unavoidably delayed, but thus far it has produced from twelve contributors the sum of \$1,675. As expected by them, it has been applied to an immediate necessity, the Sewer assessment and the Hertzog Hall boiler and radiator debt, \$1,322.37, leaving a balance for

the paving assessment of \$352.63, when it shall be presented, for which, however, \$150 more will be needed.

As a preface to some closing recommendations, your Committee would now add the following statements: *first*, that this ancient Seminary, the oldest in the land, the Alma Mater of a long and continuous line of faithful ministers and missionaries—among the latter some of the very chiefest in that work—is still, as we believe, dear to the heart of the church; *second*, that hitherto for a generation the church—not having been asked for new gifts—has not known of the Seminary's needs; has, on the contrary, been widely under the impression that what it had received so long ago sufficed and would suffice for the future; *third*, that laboring with all the church under this impression, General Synod has hitherto taken no means, not only to increase its usefulness, but even to retain unimpaired the resources it has had; *fourth*, that the problem at present before Synod and the Church, is to provide an adequate increase of endowment; and till this work is accomplished, to provide in some way for the current expenses of the Seminary; *fifth*, that in the judgment of this Committee, as it will be, we believe, the judgment of the Church, the Seminary should make growth with the growth of the times and with the growth of the Church itself.

We therefore recommend,

1. That the same Special Committee containing representatives of the three official bodies, be again appointed to take measures to increase the endowment and the current income of the Seminary at New Brunswick.

2. That the cost of collecting said increase shall be paid out of the monies received, at the discretion of the Committee, without other expense to General Synod.

3. That the monies thus collected for current expenses, unless otherwise specified by the donors, shall be equally divided between the Property and Educational Funds, until one or the other shall be complete.

4. That funds raised for endowment purposes, unless otherwise specified, shall constitute a General Fund for needs not otherwise provided for; and shall be so held by the Board of Direction.

5. That the Treasurer of the Board of Direction shall be the Treasurer of this Special Committee to receive and disburse all monies above provided for.

6. That General Synod urge upon all the churches in the Particular Synods, the making of an annual offering for the current expenses of the Seminary.

7. That Pastors and Consistories within the Particular Synods be urged by General Synod to facilitate in every way possible the work of the Synod's Special Committee herein provided for.

8. That the above Committee be instructed, in their plans and purposes to work in harmony with the Alumni Committees just appointed, for their mutual help in the matters assigned them.

A. G. VERMILYE,
FRANK R. VAN NEST,
EDWARD B. COE,
CORNELIUS L. WELLS,
JOHN C. GIFFING,
FRED. T. KIRK.
J. P. SEARLE.

ARTICLE VI.

EDUCATION, ACADEMIES AND COLLEGES.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received with the report of the Treasurer of the Board, and referred to the Committee on Education, Academies and Colleges.

The Thirty-second Annual Report of the Council of

Hope College was received, and referred to the same Committee. It is as follows:

**THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF
HOPE COLLEGE.**

The Council of Hope College herewith presents its Thirty-second Annual Report to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

I. COUNCIL.

The Council met in regular session June 22, 1897, and organized by the election of the following officers :

President, Rev. Wm. Moerdyk.

Vice-President, Rev. W. Hall Williamson.

Secretary, Hon. G. J. Diekema.

Treasurer, Prof. C. Doesburg.

II. FACULTY.

There have been but a few changes in the teaching force. Prof. Henry Veghte has occupied the chair of Modern Languages during the past school year, and Mr. Edward D. Dimnent has discharged the duties of tutor. It has been the aim to have uniformity in the amount of work done in each lecture-room, and this has been realized in a gratifying measure. There should be an increase in the Faculty, so that the members could give exclusive attention to their regular departments.

III. STUDENTS.

There have been in attendance during the year 256 students, 112 in the College, and 144 in the Preparatory Department. This is a small gain over last year. These all take a regular course, except eight. It is hoped that

the establishment of four courses in the College will result in an increase in the number of students.

Two of the young men, one in the College and one in the Preparatory Department, have been removed by death. Their departure was deeply mourned by both instructors and students.

It is very gratifying to report that the religious life of the College is maintained at the same high level that has characterized it from the beginning; the various agencies to this end, the Y. M. C. A., the prayer meetings, the Mission Band, have all proved a means of great spiritual blessing, especially in leading many to decide for Christ.

The deportment and studiousness of those under instruction is entitled to the highest commendation.

IV. EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations, as for some time past, have been both oral and written. They were rigidly conducted and reflected credit on the students and the Faculty, and show good work done.

VI. GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings was organized by the election of the following officers:

President, G. J. Kollen.

Secretary, J. W. Beardslee.

Treasurer, G. J. Diekema.

On account of not receiving the usual appropriations for such purposes your Committee has not been able to make any of the much needed repairs on the property of the Synod entrusted to its care.

It was resolved that the Committee state plainly to the Synod the pressing need of money to protect its property, and urge some provision for securing it. Roofs must be renewed, buildings repainted, walks relaid, and the usual wear and tear occasioned by the presence of

two hundred students in daily use of the buildings and grounds be restored, or Synod will receive great damage. If this can be done as the need arises, it will be far less expensive in the end than if neglected until much more extensive work will be required.

Your Committee would therefore earnestly request the Synod to appropriate for this purpose one thousand dollars, and that the amount be forwarded soon, so that the work may be done during the summer vacation.

The term of J. W. Beardslee expires with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEARDSLEE, *Sec'y.*

The Council urges that this earnest recommendation of the Committee be granted by General Synod.

VI. THE LIBRARY.

The Library has received substantial additions during the year, and continues to be of great service to the students. The Council has learned with much pleasure that the Graves donation consisting of about 5,000 vols., the legacy of the late Hon. N. F. Graves, has arrived, and after being catalogued will still further increase the efficiency of this help to the students.

VII. VACANCIES.

The term of the Hon. Arend Visscher expires this year and his successor must be elected by the Synod at its session in June, he being one of the General Synod's members of the Council of the College.

VIII. THE TREASURY.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows:

I. CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Interest from Permanent Fund.....	\$ 4,583 57
“ “ other Funds.....	723 00
“ “ Ebenezer Fund.. . . .	1,198 14
“ “ Board of Direction.....	1,571 62
Donations from Individuals.....	174 21
“ “ Churches.....	270 25
Students' Fees, etc..	1,819 00
Sundries.....	228 16
Borrowed from Permanent Fund.....	3,032 33
Total.....	<u>\$13,600 28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Professors' Salaries.....	\$11,279 12
Janitor's Salary.....	365 22
Expenses in connection with Executive Committee....	55 72
Grounds and Buildings.....	196 89
Printing	59 28
Fuel and Light.....	466 20
School Requisites.....	123 33
Taxes.....	367 69
Interest.....	240 00
Sundries.....	279 33
Treasurer's Salary.....	100 00
Advertising.....	67 50
Total.....	<u>\$13,600 28</u>

II. PERMANENT FUND.

Real Estate....	\$20,000 00
“ De Hope ”.....	2,500 00
Uninvested Funds,temporarily loaned to the Contingent Fund.....	<u>10,377 26</u>
	\$32,877 26

III. INVESTMENTS.

Interest bearing Real Estate Securities....	\$151,000 00
Held by Board of Direction in trust.....	36,569 90
Held by Board of Education in trust	5,500 00
Held by Board of Benevolence in trust.....	<u>13,260 00</u>
	\$206,329 90
Total.....	<u>\$239,207 16</u>

IV. LIABILITIES.

Loan to Board of Benevolence.....	\$ 1,000 00
Loan to Contingent Fund, 1890.....	3,000 00
" " " 1891.....	2,700 00
" " " 1892.....	1,968 00
" " " 1893.....	415 13
Loan to First State Bank, 1894.....	1,000 00
Loan to Contingent Fund, 1895.....	1,529 00
" " " 1896.. ..	136 38
" " " 1897.....	1,071 29
" " " 1898.....	3,032 33
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Total.....	\$15,852 13

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IX. CONCLUSION.

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Nominations for Classical Agents from the Classes of Greene, Hudson, Kingston, Montgomery, Newark and Paramus.

Nominations from the Board of Education and trustees of Rutgers College of students for aid from the Van Bunschooten Fund.

From the Report of the Board of Education it is seen that sixteen students have been received under its care. Five have been dropped from the roll, two of these for violating the rule forbidding marriage before graduation. One has entered the University of the Episcopal Church, one went to another Seminary and one withdrew temporarily. The total number of students now in the care of the Board is 102.

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Gratitude to God is expressed in the report for recovery from illness by the Secretary and thanks given to the Treasurer for aid in compiling the report and doing financial work at the office.

The number of churches contributing to the Board has during this year reached the highest point in its history.

Although the contributions have fallen a few dollars below the mark of last year the interest and attention shown by the increased list of contributors warrants the expectation of greater income later.

We again recommend this, the oldest and most important of all our Boards, to the attention and earnest support of all our ministers, and especially to those who occupy their present positions through aid furnished by this agency.

The Committee would note the following from the report of the Council of Hope College. There has been a small gain in number of students. The total in attendance is now 256. All but eight of these are taking regular course of study. Two have been removed by death. An increase in the Faculty is deemed important. The religious life of both College and Preparatory Department is at the same high level that has been maintained from the beginning.

The report urges the great necessity of funds for keeping the grounds and the property in order and repair.

The Library has been enriched by the Graves' donation of 5,000 vols.

Profound regret is expressed at the death of the Rev. Peter De Bruyn, formerly President of the Council.

The whole report is a most satisfactory and encouraging statement concerning a vigorous and growing institution.

The Northwestern Classical Academy presents a good report.

The number of students has advanced, they now number eighty (80).

The standard of the curriculum has been advanced.

Faithfulness, good deportment and religious fervor are reported of the students.

The Rapelye Library and reading Room has been improved by the addition of new books and magazines. The name of donors are mentioned.

The expenses of the Academy are met by the income from invested funds and fees which furnish about one-third of the amount needed. One-third is subscribed by Western and local contributors and the remaining one-third has been in past years paid by the Board of Education.

During the last two years when the Board of Education found it impossible to make the appropriations, the Principal of the Academy has raised the amount by personal appeal.

From a synopsis of the report of the Academy it appears that of its 110 alumni, eleven are in the Gospel Ministry, twenty-six engaged in teaching, fifteen in the Medical and Legal Profession or preparing therefor, nine are studying theology at the present time.

The Committee would present the following nominations.

For membership in the Board of Education, the Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.

The Rev. F. S. Schenck, D.D., to succeed the Rev. Roderick Terry D.D., whose term has expired.

The Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D.D.

Pres. G. J. Kollen of the Council of Hope College to succeed the Rev. H. D. B. Mulford, whose term has expired.

Mr. Peter Quackenbush.

Mr. Oscar Rafferty (935 President St., Brooklyn), to succeed N. S. King, M.D.

The Hon. John F. Post.

For member of the Council of Hope College, Hon. Arend Visscher.

For Secretary of Committee on Grounds at Hope College, Prof. J. W. Beardslee.

For Classical Agents for Board of Education.

Classis of Greene—Rev. C. M. Perlee.

“ Hudson—Rev. Chalmers P. Dyke.

“ Kingston—Rev. C. E. Lasher.

“ Montgomery—Rev. P. H. Cole.

“ Newark—Rev. John N. Jansen, for one year.

“ Paramus—Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In a communication from the Classis of Iowa the Trustees of Pleasant Prairie College request aid to the amount of one thousand dollars, stating it to be their purpose to conduct their work on an Academic instead of Collegiate basis. Therefore, it is

Recommended, That the Pleasant Prairie College receive aid from the Board of Education to the amount of one thousand dollars, on condition that the institution be opened and conducted as an Academy, the money to be paid from any available sources and funds in the hands of the Board.

It is recommended that an appropriation be made to the Northwestern Classical Academy by the Board of Education to the amount of \$1,200, for the payment of salaries of teachers during the present school year, to be paid from any available sources and funds in the hands of the Board.

The Committee would recommend that the following named students, one or all of them, as the state of the fund will permit, be nominated to the Trustees of Rutgers College, for aid from the Van Bunschooten bequest: Orville Fisher, James M. Martin, Alonzo Ranson.

The following from the report of Hope College is the reason for the annexed recommendation: “The College rejoices in the increase of its endowment to the extent of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.”

It might be thought that this would result in relieving the financial situation, and yet because of the inability of the Board of Education to pay any of the sum voted by

General Synod last year, and also that the new endowment has only been recently invested and little income derived from it, we are obliged to report a deficiency. Further, it is imperatively demanded, if the College is to meet the urgent need with which it is confronted, that the Faculty be increased. In view of this fact the Council asks an appropriation of \$2,000 from the Board of Education.

It is recommended that the request of Hope College for aid from the Board of Education for \$2,000 be granted, to be paid from any available sources and funds in the hands of the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the care of the grounds of Synod's Western property be paid for from the General Expense Fund of General Synod to the amount of one thousand dollars for the year 1898 and 1899. On motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

In view of the inability of the Board of Education during the last three years to make any of the appropriations to the Northwestern Classical Academy, recommended by General Synod, and in view of the fact that this deficiency has been met through personal appeals by the Principal, and that it is undesirable that his time should be occupied longer in this manner: Therefore be it resolved, that Mr. James F. Zwemer be authorized to make an appeal to all the Churches of our denomination for financial help for the Northwestern Classical Academy.

Resolved, that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars be apportioned among the Classes for the General Expense Fund of the Board of Education.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED DUNCOMBE,
J. T. BERGEN,
P. DE PREE,
THOMAS W. WARD.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, and Elder Austin Scott appointed by the Board to represent it addressed the Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to use every effort to secure sufficient funds to pay the appropriations recommended by the General Synod to our Western Educational Institutions and that the churches be urged to make liberal offerings for this purpose.

ARTICLE VII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction presented the following report. It was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction would respectfully report as follows :

I.

ORGANIZATIONS.

According to the minutes of the several Particular Synods, the number of Sunday-schools is now 923, a gain of eight. Of these sixty-seven are union schools. The total enrolment is 123,667, a gain of 2,859.

The number of catechumens is 37,441, a gain of 431. Evidently far too large a proportion of our youth are still without catechetical instruction.

The number of Christian Endeavor Societies, Senior and Junior is 596, with 30,000 members.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip reports thirty-one chapters.

II.

BENEVOLENCES.

The reports from the various Boards show that our Sabbath schools and Endeavor Societies have not forgotten the claims of the benevolent work of our church. During the year, the Sabbath-schools have contributed for the regular work of the Board of Foreign Missions, \$10,234.19, or \$473.33 more than last year; for the Arabian Mission, \$513.30, a gain of \$294.86; and through the Woman's Board, \$1,051.73, as compared with \$997.06 the year before. The total offerings from our Sabbath-schools for the foreign work amount to \$11,798.22, a gain over last year of \$921.86.

For Domestic Missions, our Sabbath-schools have given \$5,599.43 toward the regular work; a gain of \$69.72; \$1,079.77 toward the Church Building Fund, a gain of \$21.45; and through the Women's Executive Committee, \$1,584.60. This makes the whole amount contributed to Domestic Missions, \$8,263.80, a gain of \$1,775.77 over last year.

The schools have also made an offering to the work of the Board of Education amounting to \$247.18, or \$45.15 more than in 1896.

Summarizing the benevolent offerings of the Sabbath-schools we find that \$11,798.22 were contributed toward Foreign Missions; \$8,263.80 toward Domestic Missions and \$247.18 for the Educational work, making a total of \$20,309.20 with a gain of \$2,742.78 over last year.

Our Young People's and Christian Endeavor Societies have also responded nobly to the demands of the work. For the regular Foreign Missionary Work they gave \$4,570.26 as compared with \$3,830.78 last year, a gain of \$739.48; for the Arabian Mission, \$762.40, a gain of \$213.16; and through the Woman's Board, \$1,236.91, a gain of \$407.34, making a total gain of \$1,359.88.

But for the Church Building Fund, to which all the gifts of these Societies for domestic work are devoted, the contributions were only \$1,999.80 as against \$2,250.71 last

year, a loss of \$229.46. Your Committee greatly regrets this decrease, but feels certain that simply calling attention to it will be sufficient to remedy the matter. The work is a most important one and ought to enlist the earnest support of every true Endeavorer.

Through the Women's Executive Committee our Endeavorers contributed \$1,327.89, a gain of \$679.89.

Your Committee takes great pleasure in recording that these societies have also made an offering of \$40.00 to the work of the Board of Education.

Our Young People's Societies have therefore contributed \$6,569.57 to the work of Foreign Missions; \$3,327.69 to that of Domestic Missions and \$40.00 to the Board of Education, making the whole amount \$9,937.26, a gain of \$1,774.78.

Or, combining the efforts of both Sabbath-schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, we find that they have supported the work of Foreign Missions to the extent of \$18,367.79; Domestic Missions to the amount of \$11,591.49; and Education to the sum of \$287.18, making a grand total of \$30,246.46, and showing a net gain over last year of \$4,517.56. This is certainly a most gratifying result and one which shows the loyalty of both organizations to the work of our own church.

While your Committee notes with pleasure the financial assistance which the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has given to the local churches, it has been unable to learn that this organization has given any direct support to the benevolences of the denomination.

III.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Your Committee again reports, with much pleasure, the increased number of responses to their inquiries. Exclusive of the Classis of Arcot about 80 per cent of the schools in the Reformed Church have this year sent in reports. No returns, however, were received from the

Classes of Grand River or Passaic. The appointment of permanent committees on Sunday-schools, in the several Classes, has been most gratifying ; the only Classes now in which such a committee is wanting being the Classes of Raritan, Grand River, and Illinois. As a permanent committee on Sunday-schools in each Classis is essential to co-operate with the Sunday-school committee of General Synod, your Committee hopes that before another year all the Classes will have conformed to this most reasonable action of the General Synod.

1. LESSONS HELPS. A great variety of Lesson helps is used in the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church. Of the 554 schools reporting, however, 253, or about one-half, use the Reformed edition of the Westminster quarterlies, which has now attained a circulation of 45,750 copies, about 100 more schools are using them this year than last. Other helps in use are : Westminster, by 56 schools ; Cook's, by 56 ; Peloubet, by 44 ; The Bible Study Union Graded lessons, by 11 ; De Hope, by 6 ; and six other publications are used by a few schools. While recognizing the fullest liberty of each school in the selection of Lesson papers, your committee would urge all Superintendents and teachers, before making a choice, to at least examine the Reformed edition of Lesson helps.

2. CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION. The returns under this head are not wholly satisfactory. Ninety-five churches report that no catechism is taught. One hundred and twenty say that the catechism is taught in the Sunday-school, while 154 state that it is taught in catechetical classes. As this shows an increase in the number of catechetical classes over last year of 78 per cent., your committee is of the opinion that the questions, in some instances, were not carefully read, and that Sunday-school classes in which the catechism was taught were reported as separate catechetical classes.

The catechisms in use and the number of schools using them are : Heidelberg, by 190 schools ; Westminster, by 82 ; H. Compendium, by 67 ; First Lessons in Christian Truth, by 25 ; Borstius, by 18 ; Milk for Babes,

by 11; and Brown's by 9. Several other catechisms are in use in a few schools. It will be noticed that 9 schools continue to use Brown's catechism. That the use of this catechism has been forbidden by the General Synod is probably unknown to these schools. But the most noticeable fact, disclosed by the above figures, is the gain of 113 over last year in the use of the Heidelberg catechism.

3. CHURCH ATTENDANCE OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL SCHOLARS. It is impossible to state with anything like accuracy how many scholars regularly attend preaching services, as in most cases no record of church attendance is kept. The figures given are only a rough estimate. The total enrollment of schools reporting is 100,669, the estimated church attendance is 28,347, showing a gain over last year of 3,659. Where the Sunday-school is held immediately before or after the church service, all or nearly all the scholars are reported as attending, but in the cities, where the Sunday-school is generally held in the afternoon, the percentage of scholars who go to church is lamentably small. Your committee would renew the suggestion made last year that the superintendents of the various schools be urged to secure as complete a record as possible of the attendance of the scholars on the church services.

4. CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL. The number of Church members in full communion in the Sunday-school, either as teachers, officers or scholars, reported as 15,600. Though this number shows a gain over last year of 2,853, it is undoubtedly far short of the actual number. The aim of Sunday-school workers should be "all the Church in the Sunday-school" as well as "all the Sunday-school in the Church."

5. PERCENTAGE OF CONSISTORIES IDENTIFIED WITH THE SCHOOL. The General Synod has repeatedly declared that the Sunday-school should be considered an organic part of the Church, and not a separate institution. And to this end consistories have been urged to maintain some oversight over their Sunday-schools, at least to the extent of receiving an annual report of the work of the school.

Reports show that 47 per cent. of the elders and deacons are identified with the Sunday-school. The methods of oversight reported are various: Some consistories receive an annual report from their schools, others appoint the Superintendent ; others have a consistorial committee on Sunday-school work ; and still others exercise the right of approving the election of the officers of the school.

7. **TEACHER'S MEETINGS.** The Sunday-schools reporting weekly teachers' meetings number ninety-three, monthly eighty-eight, quarterly eighty-eight, and semi-monthly three, while the majority of the schools hold such meetings only once a year or not at all. In the cities many teachers are known to attend union meetings for instruction in the lessons. The opportunity of studying the Bible under the instruction of some competent teachers should be open to all Sunday-school teachers, and where the circumstances do not permit union classes, the pastors or some proficient Bible students are urged to conduct a class for teachers.

8. **NORMAL CLASSES.** Of kindred value and importance is the normal class, the purpose of which is to teach teachers how to teach. Only forty-nine out of 521 schools report having such classes. It would seem from this that superintendents and pastors have not yet awakened to the value of this agency for the training of teachers. Wherever it is possible we would strongly urge the formation of such classes.

9. **HOME DEPARTMENT.** The fact that last year several schools volunteered the information that they had a Home Department led to making the inquiry this year. Forty-seven schools report a home department, with a membership of 1,824. This important branch of Sunday-school work has been commended by General Synod as a most effective means of extending Bible study.

10. **HYMN BOOKS.** The inquiry, "What hymn book is used?" was made for the first time this year. The answers show an astonishing number and variety of hymn books in use in the schools of the Reformed Church. No less

than 58 different collections are reported. Some of these collections are excellent, both in the matter of the hymns and the quality of the music, but others are only fair, and many can only be ranked as poor. One hundred and fifty-seven schools use gospel hymns. That the Synod should put the seal of its approval on certain collections of hymns for the use of churches seems to warrant the hope that the same action may be taken with reference to Sunday-school hymn books. For if the inculcation of erroneous doctrine is feared through the medium of hymns, the injury is done by the time the child is old enough to sing out of the larger collection.

II. REMARKS. The increasing circulation of the Reformed edition of the Westminster lesson helps is very gratifying to your committee, by whose suggestion, with the approval of General Synod, this profitable arrangement was made. Your committee has recently learned that our Board of Publication has made arrangements to adopt and issue as our own another series of Sunday-school helps, namely, those of the German Reformed Church. This step may or may not be approved by General Synod, and by the Church at large, but your committee deems it only just to disclaim all responsibility in this matter, since the Board of Publication has in no wise consulted with your committee.

Your committee, being dependent upon the minutes of the Particular Synods for the total enrollment of catechumens, desires to call attention to the neglect of many churches in making returns under this head. In the Particular Synod of New York 68 churches leave this column blank; of New Brunswick, 46; of Albany, 88, and of Chicago, 31. This would seem to indicate either great remissness in the preparation of church reports to the Classes, or a lamentable lack of catechetical instruction. That the Church deems this matter important is indicated by the inquiry made at the spring meetings of the various Classes, "Are the catechizing of the children and the instruction of the youth regularly attended to?" and the Classes may, therefore, well insist on more complete reports.

IV.

RESOLUTIONS.

The large number of hymn collections used in our Sunday-schools has started several questions. Shall Synod approve of certain collections of hymns for the Sunday-school? Shall a number of the best be recommended, with such description as to price, character, size, as may enable our schools to judge? Shall a new collection be prepared? It seems desirable that Synod should take some action. We, therefore, submit the following :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of Revs. E. A. Collier, Dennis Wortman and B. E. Dickhaut, to consider the matter of Sunday-school hymn books and report at the next meeting of General Synod.

Resolved, That hereafter the President of the Synod, in making up the committees, name as the committee on Sunday-schools and Catechetical Instruction the permanent committee on this subject.

For the "Conference on Topics connected with the Training and Education of the Young," the following program is presented for adoption : The Conference to be held at 7:45 P.M. on Friday, in the First Reformed Church. The Vice-president of Synod to preside. Addresses to be delivered by Prof. J. T. Bergen, on "The Relations of Education to the Higher Life"; Rev. F. S. Schenck, on "Helping Teachers"; Rev. C. Brett, D.D., on "The Organization of Young People."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. KOMMERS,
WM. H. BOOCK,
BENJ. E. DICKHAUT.

The Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechetical Instruction reported that no papers have been submitted to them.

ARTICLE VIII.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Sixty sixth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the Treasurer's Report, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the same Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This Committee presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

To the General Synod :

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report, that there have been placed in their hands the Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Woman's Board, Nominations for Classical Agents for the Board and a Memorial from some of the Student Volunteers belonging to the Reformed Church.

Beginning with the first, your Committee recognize the providential guiding and the gracious blessing of our Heavenly Father alike in all He has bestowed and all He has withheld or withdrawn. It indeed grieves us that so many of our brothers and sisters have found themselves disabled by sickness, and that two of our most useful pastors, Masilamani and Souri of the Arcot Mission have died. But though they have ceased from their labors their works do follow them. Both of them had the assured confidence and warm affection of their American associates, were men of pronounced ability and consecration; and rendered unusual service to the churches called out of heathenism to which for many years they labored.

Of dear Dr. Verbeck, that sweet saint of God, that

manly brother to all men, that modest but intrepid pioneer in Japanese Missions, that cosmopolitan scholar, that citizen of no mean country because citizen of the Kingdom of God only, who like Gordon sought not honor of man, whom princes from Emperor down sought out for valued counsel, who helped to open the heart of Japan to Christianity, as Perry opened her ports to the world's commerce; by birth of good Holland blood, by adoption and education of the free American spirit, by life-work one of the reconstructionists of Old into New Japan; of Guido Verbeck, to whom we give no titles because entitled to all and more than we can bestow, of great and dear Verbeck we can only think, with tears at our loss, but with reverent thanks that God gave him to us and to Japan at the initial stage of her evolution into Christianity and that God spared him so long; and that to both political and religious Japan his life shall be not only a memory but a perennial and ever renewing, vitalizing and spiritualizing power. We exclaim, God bless him ! for he is indeed not dead; yet need we not say this, but God bless us, that we may inherit his spirit and emulate his example ! God's humble man of whom we men are proud !

Well may we pray that God will raise up such laborers. We rejoice indeed, that we have living missionaries of kindred spirit. We feel we have reason to thank God that He has honored our Church with gifts of men and women also, who with a kindred zeal and worth are in all our fields representing the truth, the idealism, the Gospel, the cross of Jesus Christ. That God has endowed us with such men is valid reason why we in turn should endow His missionary work with all possible appliances of support and enlargement.

We note that there are new openings for missionary effort in our various fields, as must be the case where "the advancing light ever makes apparent the further and deeper gloom." Some of our missions are stronger, one at least is weaker.

Our Amoy Mission had been deprived of the labors of four of its unmarried women missionaries through sickness, of whom some may return this year, and the

necessary withdrawal of Mr. Fraser and Dr. Fest. Two men would have been sent out to fill the places of the latter, but the Board felt authorized to recommend only one, provided the funds would warrant, which is not the case. Notwithstanding, the churches received an unusual increase to their membership, and their contributions were increased by \$400 (Mexican) over the previous year. There is increased interest in education. Larger and larger numbers of the unchristian natives are availing themselves of our Christian Anglo-Chinese schools.

The Arcot Mission was never in more prosperous condition, having more missionaries than ever before, and "rejoicing in progress all along the line." Eleven outstations has been added, with 72 families. The churches have received a net gain of 116 members. The native churches have contributed 10 per cent. above last year, notwithstanding famine. As stated, two of its native pastors have died. The Word was preached to 23,919 audiences, in all, 38,343 times. 18,250 visits have been made by the Bible and Zenana workers. The Missions' educational work begins with the primary schools, and through the Anglo vernacular, Hindu Girls', the technical and boarding schools, to the College of Vellore, culminates in the endowed Theological Seminary at Palmaner; in all, 175 schools, with 5,883 scholars. It is gratifying to note that gradually the place of non-Christian teachers is coming to be more and more filled by Christians. The Vellore High School is now become a college, in connection with the University, is equipped similarly to our American colleges; embodied in it is the former Scotch High School, and it retains the Scotch patronage. Its efficient President is our Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain, now in this country, the Rev. Henry J. Scudder temporarily supplying his place. This new college, with 950 pupils, all Hindus except 85, an invaluable adjunct of our Missions, capable of an immense Christian influence among the Hindus, makes an urgent appeal for funds and offers noble opportunity for liberal endowment, to which the Church should feel the imperative requirement of immediate and hearty response. We rejoice in the work the Socie-

ties of Christian Endeavor are doing, strongly re-enforced of late by the visit of the founder, Dr. F. E. Clarke. Our sympathy is extended to Prof. Jared W. Scudder, in his recent illness, from which we rejoice to know he is recovering, and we anticipate large educational results from the forthcoming Tamil edition of his theological lectures. Our Mission did also a precious work toward relief of the sufferers from famine.

Japan has completed its first quarter century. Marvelously successful at the beginning, somewhat hindered by various causes in the last few years, but still ever nobly advancing, it finds new hope in the fact that in spite of the past seclusiveness, 1899 is to see *all* of Japan open to the Gospel. In Yokohama and elsewhere there is renewed spiritual impulse. Material quickening and progress, it is hoped, may lead to spiritual. The absence of Dr. Popen and the death of Dr. Verbeek, much as lamented, receive partial compensation in the acquisition of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Scudder and Mrs. Schenck. But further re-enforcement is required. The Ferris Seminary has been reorganized for the more especial training of Christian women workers. The work of the Misses Winn, Brokaw and Deyo increases in value. Steele College has more scholars than ever, though unfortunately lacking now any students in theology. In Sturges Seminary Miss Stryker takes the place of Mrs. Grinnan (Miss Duryee), while Miss Couch visits through the wider community in work with Japanese women. Dr. and Mrs. Stout return soon to their work in Nagasaki, but require additional help. Will not the Church give it? It should be well borne in mind that the Japanese mind, so ready and spirited in its seizure of new thought, should have the teachings of Christianity pressed into its new civilization and development with the utmost urgency before taken possession of by popular agnostic literatures and teachings. Now is the accepted time—to-day, emphatically, the day of her salvation!

More and more important grows the Arabian Mission. The Rev. Geo. E. Stone is to be added to its working force, and a medical missionary is required. A mission

house is purchased at Muscat, and another is needed at Bahrein. The school for rescued slave-boys at Muscat is successful, having also the approval of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. S. M. Zwemer works among the women as her husband among the men. The receipts for the support of this Mission the past year was \$13,705.76, especially raised for it, apart from our general fund. Ardently it is hoped that the present contributions to this inviting field will continue such, and that many more will become annual subscribers to its funds. A successful enterprise among Moslems, always regarded as an almost impossibility, will have immense effect in starting and developing new undertakings among them on the part of other denominations.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Christian women of our Church for their enterprise in all this Mission work. To them and their Board the Church at large is indebted for valuable help both in gifts and inspiration. \$36,216.26; this large amount is the indication and result of their pious zeal. This sum, larger than that of any previous year, is but the promise of wider work and larger sustainments in the happy years to come.

The Young People in the C. E. Missionary League have "rallied" in contributions as well as in members, giving \$762.40 to the Arabian, and \$4,570.26 to our other Missions.

At home the *Mission Field*, the *Day Star*, and various tracts and leaflets, and mite boxes, have educated the people and afforded methods of giving; while above all the visitations among the churches by Dr. Stout, Prof. Wyckoff, and Rev. and Mrs. Zwemer along with our Secretary, have stirred the churches, and emphasized the faithful exhortations of the pastors to help on this great work of God.

We note the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions to be held in New York in 1900, as a sign of a coming new impulse, but we must not wait till then but muster all our forces for the work at once.

We note the Volunteer Movement as existing in our own church as well as others; 17 of our young men and

women standing ready to go abroad as soon as graduated from their schools of learning within two years. We take it as a sign of promise, and of more general consecration; and though we may not see the way to send them all, we surely are to be grateful for their heroic Christian purpose, and among so many we may hope to find those of unusual gifts and devotion, who shall prove powerful auxiliaries in the work of fulfilling the Saviour's last command on earth.

The contributions to the Board last year by collections were \$89,450.25, by legacies \$8,079.48, by interest from the Security Fund \$2,065.00, for special objects \$9,650.05, a total of \$109,244.78.

The contributions to the Arabian Mission were \$13,705.76 and to the famine relief \$1,350.63, making a total of \$14,056.39. It will be noted, however, that the receipts directly for the general work of the Board, exclusive of the Arabian Mission and for famine relief fund, were \$109,244.79, which though a generous support, falls short, to the great grief of the Missions, almost \$11,000 of the \$120,000 which we set out to raise. Shall we not do *a little better* this year, and round out our full \$120,000, with \$11,000 over to make up for the year now past? We surely have the means; now shall we have the *heart* for it? Surely the Board is not of its own appointment, nor at its own work, but ours; nay, not ours alone, but the beloved Master's. They are appointed by us to help us fulfil the Master's work. It is too vast, too holy, too benign, too much the Lord's for us to weaken at the labor or the cost. Surely when we see such ready and vast expenditures of men and treasures in our great national struggle, the triumph of the Kingdom of Christ shall not lack our enthusiastic efforts and amplest gifts.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolutions:

1. That we congratulate the officers and missionaries of our Foreign Board upon their faithful and self-sacrificing efforts in their respective departments. We can wish for no wiser administration at home or more devoted

service in the field, and with all our hearts we commend them and their work to every church, and pastor, and member of our Denomination.

2. That the General Synod authorize the Board to secure, if practicable, some minister as Field-Secretary, to visit the churches in the interests of this cause, the Secretary being already occupied to the extremity of his time in the specific duties of his office.

3. That the sum of \$120,000, aside from legacies, and interest on invested funds, be approved by the Synod as the least sum that will suffice to meet the wants of the Missions, that the Board be authorized to apportion this sum as equitably as possible among the various Classes, and that pastors, officers and members of our churches be affectionately urged to do their utmost to raise this amount.

4. That the General Synod has heard with satisfaction of the proposed Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, to be held in the City of New York, in the month of April, 1900. Coming, as it will, at the close of the Nineteenth and the opening of the Twentieth Century, it should furnish occasion for devout thanksgiving for past achievement under the guidance of the Divine Spirit, while summoning all the churches to mightier efforts, larger sacrifices, and greater conquests for Christ in time to come. The Synod, therefore, expresses its hearty approval of the action of the Board of Foreign Missions in uniting with kindred societies in the undertaking and invites for it the support and co-operation of our Church therein.

5. That \$8,000 be urgently recommended as our least possible contribution to the Arabian Mission.

6. That the first Sabbath of November be set apart by all our churches for prayer for Foreign Missions, and that, so far as may be, sermons be preached upon the subject and special offerings be made.

7. That the *Mission Field*, *Gleaner*, *Day Star*, mission leaflets, &c., of the Board be commended to the churches whose pastors will aid the great work advantageously by securing their general circulation.

8. That the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting.

admirably adapted for imparting missionary information and the increase of missionary interest, be strongly urged upon every pastor and every church.

9. That we cannot view otherwise than with sincere appreciation and gratification the spirit with which large numbers of our young men and women in the Volunteer Movement consecrate themselves to the Foreign Missionary work, only waiting for the opportunity to go. We would that the Church had a kindred consecration of its wealth. Thus so general a movement throughout our Church and country assures us of a widening powerful impulse in that direction, to the Divine significance of which the whole Church should be awake; and though we may not at present see our way to support so many (seventeen who offer themselves to us), they surely encourage our faith in the increasing interest of the work, and furnish us the material wherefrom, if we will, all the needs of our ever enlarging work for men and women, healthy, gifted, and full of consecrated energy, may be abundantly met.

10. That we recommend our Pastors and Elders to use their utmost endeavors to awaken the interest and secure the active co-operation of the Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of the churches in the work of Foreign Missions.

11. That the Members of the Board whose terms now expire be re-elected to the same, viz.:

Rev. J. H. Whitehead, D.D.,	Rev. J. H. Oerter, D.D.,
“ Edward B. Coe, D.D.,	Mr. V. H. Youngman,
“ E. P. Johnson, D.D.,	“ F. S. Douglas,
“ John H. Fagg, D.D.,	“ Francis Bacon.

12. That the nominations for the Classical Agents for Foreign Missions be confirmed.

13. That at the Foreign Mission meeting this evening the Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D., preside, the Rev. J. F. Zwemer lead in prayer, and that addresses be made by Rev. Henry Stout, D.D., Dr. Martin Wyckoff (*in memo-*

riam Dr. Verbeck), Rev. George E. Stone, Rev. William I. Chamberlain, and Rev. S. M. Zwemer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DENIS WORTMAN, *Chairman*.
J. HOWARD SUYDAM.
CHAS. S. WYCKOFF.
ISAAC MAHIEU.
ANTHONY POST.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D.D., addressed the Synod concerning the work and needs of the Board of Foreign Missions.

A popular meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions was held on Monday evening. The program was followed as reported by the Committee on Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, with the Treasurer's Report, was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Executive Committee on Domestic Missions, was also received and referred to the same committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS AND CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

This Committee presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

The Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church

Building Fund has received for consideration the following papers:

The Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions.

A list of Nominations for classical agents for Domestic Missions.

An overture from the Classis of Grand River in relation to certain "blanks" used by the Board of Domestic Missions.

A reference from the Classis of New York to the General Synod of an application from Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., to be received as a member of the Classis of New York and to have the Missionary churches at Orangeburg, S. C., taken under the care of the Classis.

An application to the General Synod from the above mentioned Rev. Dr. Johnson and others in behalf of the aforesaid Churches at Orangeburg, S. C., for such recognition by the Synod as may enable them to receive needed pecuniary aid from the Board of Domestic Missions; and finally a number of testimonials in relation to the character, ability, and the work of the said Dr. Johnson.

The Report of the Board of Domestic Missions relates chiefly to the financial condition of the Board, the efficient aid received from the Woman's Executive Committee and the work for Christ wrought during the year.

1. The Report of the Board exhibits a somewhat improved financial condition. The receipts from all sources have amounted to \$84,699 which is \$12,482 more than the receipts from all sources during the previous year. But, as the year commenced with an indebtedness of \$13,172, this increase of income, gratifying as it may be, was insufficient to free the Board from debt, and contributed nothing towards augmenting the Board's ability to extend its work. One fourth of these receipts were from legacies and invested funds, leaving only \$63,484 contributed for the maintenance of the Board by the living membership of the Church, or less than \$1.10 per family, and of this amount, nearly one third, \$20,125, was

received from the Woman's Executive Committee of the Board.

Offerings for the Church Building Fund have exceeded by \$323 the offerings of last year, but are more than \$1,500 below the offering of 1896. This is a sad and lamentable showing demanding thoughtful attention and calling for special effort to rally the churches to the support of this important agency of aggressive missionary work.

A church without a home and a preacher without a pulpit may glorify God, but are seldom influential in reaching the impenitent or bringing the ignorant to a knowledge of the truth. A Board of Missions unable to erect churches where they are needed may supply preachers for pulpits already erected but lacks every element of the strength that carries forward the blood-stained standard of the living Christ. And we *must* go forward, we cannot remain as we are. If we do not advance towards larger capabilities, mightier energies and more abundant fruitage, we are retreating towards dissolution and decay. When growth ceases life ebbs and death begins. The voice of God is ever "Go forward," "This do and thou shalt live."

With the resources at its command the Board has been unable to meet its engagements and maintain inaugurated enterprises without remaining in debt to its Contingent Fund in the sum of \$4,947. This is an improvement over the previous year, but an improvement due to the liberality of those who have entered into rest. We thank God for what they have done. We pray God that the living may be led to apprehend and realize the imperative need of devising and executing far more liberally, if they desire the work of Domestic Missions, second in importance to none and the conservator of all, to be prosecuted vigorously, perseveringly and successfully.

2. The Report of the Board in relation to its operations during the year, is exceedingly gratifying and exhibits results which constrain us to say of the Board, it has done what it could with its limited resources for the

upbuilding and extension of the Reformed Church in America. In seeking this end, it has ministered to the moral and Spiritual culture of more than nine thousand families or nearly one-sixth of the total number of families reported by the churches to the General Synod last year. Through this ministration one fifth of the accessions to the communion of the Church by confession of faith in Jesus Christ have been from the 222 churches aided by the Board, while in the same churches there is more than one seventh of our entire Sunday School enrollment.

Such statements reveal not only the importance but the essentiality, to our Reformed Church, of the work of Domestic Missions. We cannot live, much less prosper, without it. The agencies for its accomplishment are in such vital relation with the present status and future growth of the Church, they cannot be impeded in their labors or burdened in the toil without inviting disaster. To make our Reformed Church what we all desire it to be, a potential factor in the evangelization of the United States and able to meet the growing demands of the Missions already established in foreign lands, these agencies must be maintained with ever increasing efficiency and power.

The 222 churches at present dependent upon the fostering care of the Board of Domestic Missions, are more than one third of all the churches subject to the jurisdiction of the General Synod. If these are to be maintained until they are self-sustaining, and other churches organized as population increases and the need of communities for a knowledge of "the truth as it is in Jesus" demands, we must pour our treasures into the coffers of the Board of Domestic Missions with a liberality and an enthusiasm for the work in which the Board is engaged commensurate with its transcendent importance.

Not to maintain what we have already acquired, is to abandon the conflict with the forces of unrighteousness. Not to enlarge the field of our operations as God may direct and opportunity may offer is to withdraw from the ranks of the Lord's hosts as they march on to victory and

triumph. We cannot do this, our love for Jesus Christ forbids it, for he has said ; Preach my Gospel to *every* creature. Our love for the Reformed Church forbids it, for that is the heritage bequeathed us for transmission, uninjured and unimpaired, to coming generations, and our love for the land we inhabit forbids it, as its people must be brought beneath the sway of the Gospel of Christ lest anarchy reign where law and order are now supreme. The highest motives that can sway the actions of mankind are appealing to us to seek at any cost or whatever the sacrifice the evangelization of the spiritually destitute and morally corrupt of our own land.

Millions of dollars are willingly expended to free Cuba from the tyranny of Spain. Shall the Church withhold its wealth and refuse the means needed to free our own people from the tyranny of sin and Satan. God forbid. We therefore recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the sum of \$120,000, including whatever may be received for the Church Building Fund, is the least that can adequately meet the needs of the Board of Domestic Missions during the present fiscal year and that the Board be directed to apportion this sum among the several Classes.

Resolved, That the fourth Sabbath of February be set apart by all our Churches, for prayer, for our country and for Domestic Missions, and that, so far as may be, sermons be preached upon the subject and special offerings be made for the use of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions is very cheering and encouraging, declaring its fifteenth year in every way the best in its history, the blessing of the Lord resting upon every branch of work undertaken and carried on. The receipts of the Committee have been larger and its work more extensive than in any previous year. Twenty-five congregations have been aided in erecting churches or parsonages or in improving those in need of repairs. The Indian Mission at Colony, Oklahoma, is advancing hopefully bringing opportunities for enlarging this most desir-

able enterprise through the inauguration of similar missions in other localities, and causing the Committee to ask for funds to occupy the field which God in His providence has opened.

We therefore suggest the following :

Resolved, That we congratulate the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions upon the faithful and successful labor of the past year and recognizing the Committee as an essential factor in the evangelization of our own land, we solicit for its work the hearty co-operation of all the women of our Reformed Church.

The Board calls attention to the generous aid it has received from Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies. We are thankful for the good work they have done. But, from these organizations, larger gifts might be received, if the relation of Domestic Missions to our own people and the future well-being of our own land was apprehended more clearly. When the young people know that our Board of Domestic Missions is seeking the uplifting of the American people, the evangelization of our own country, the winning of the United States for Christ, their love of God, infused with love for the land of their nativity, will cause them to rally to the support of the Mission, patriotic and divine, upon whose banners may be seen the motto "For God and Native Land."

We therefore commend the *Mission Field* and the *Day Star*; for the information they contain in relation to the Domestic Missions of the church, and call the attention of the Board to the necessity of bringing its work more fully to the attention of the young people in our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies.

We also offer the following :

Resolved, That this Synod once more emphatically commends the Christian Endeavor Missionary League to all our churches, pastors, consistories and young people and urge upon all our Young People's Missionary Organizations not now otherwise closely connected with our denominational work, that they affiliate themselves with the League and heartily support its methods and objects.

In compliance with the action of the last Synod the Board has employed a Field Secretary, the Rev. William Walton Clark, who commenced his labors the first of January last and whose service it is thought will bring the churches into closer touch with the work of the Board and secure for it a more liberal support.

We suggest in this connection the following :

Resolved, That we congratulate the Board upon securing the services of the Rev. William Walton Clark, whom we most heartily commend to the churches.

An overture from the Classis of Grand River calls the attention of Synod to certain "blanks," sent out by the Board of Domestic Missions, in which the pastors of churches receiving aid from the Board are addressed as "Missionary pastors in the employ of the Board." The Classis declares itself grieved at this ignoring of the true ecclesiastical status of these pastors and request a change in the wording of the "blanks." The request is so reasonable, inasmuch as the *pastor* of a church aided by the Board is not a pastor in the Board's employ, your Committee believe the only action required is to refer the matter to the Board and suggest that it be thus referred, that the desired change in the phraseology of the "blanks" in question may be made.

A communication from the Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., of Orangeburg, S. C., and the representative of certain churches or missions among the freedmen, containing a petition to the General Synod to receive them as nuclei for the inauguration by the Reformed Church of evangelistic labor for the moral and spiritual elevation of the colored race.

The subject thus brought before us for consideration has occupied the thought of General Synod for several years

The Synod of 1896 referred the matter to a special committee, which recommended that funds be solicited from the churches for the work, through the agency of the Executive Committee of Colored evangelization of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Legal difficulties prevented the co-operation of the Board of

Domestic Missions. The attention of the Synod of 1897 having been called to the matter, the Synod instructed the Board to inquire into the expediency of instituting missions among the colored people of South Carolina and District of Columbia, and if the way be clear proceed as they may judge to be best in the matter.

In compliance with this action of Synod the Board appointed a special committee to investigate and report. The field in South Carolina, that is the Orangeburg Missions of the Rev. Dr. Johnson, was found to be out of the question. The Chairman of the special committee then visited Washington, D. C., to examine and report upon the desirability of establishing a Reformed Church Mission among the colored people of that city. Upon his report to the Board, it was unanimously decided that it would be unwise and impracticable to undertake such a mission there, where so many denominations are already in the field.

The chairman of the special committee, at the request of the Board, then made a journey to the South and personally inspected fields in Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina. As a result of his investigation the committee made the following recommendations to the Board which the Board resolved to submit to the General Synod for its approval :

1. That the town of Florence, Darlington Co., South Carolina, be selected for the beginning of our denominational work among the colored people.

2. That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be appropriated for the purchase of land and the erection of a school building and chapel as the circumstances may require, when such amount shall have been secured for that purpose

3. That the Rev. Chas. H. Dickerson be commissioned as our missionary among the colored people and principal of the school to be established, with a salary of \$800 per year, and that when the school shall have an average attendance for one month of fifty pupils, Mrs. Dickerson shall be employed as assistant at a salary of \$20 per month.

Your committee think the last proposition a matter of such minute detail and specific direction for the action of the Board at a future time which may be quite distant, that it would be well to hold it in abeyance until the time for action arrives, when the Providence of God may reveal something better than is now proposed. Having fullest confidence in the judgment of the Board your committee therefore think it best, in order that the Board may act as future circumstances require, for the Synod to withhold the endorsement of the third proposition submitted for its approval, but, with entire unanimity your committee most heartily recommends the following action.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby approves and endorses the action of the Board of Domestic Missions in relation to the inauguration of mission work among the colored people of the South, at Florence, Darlington County, S. C., and that a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be appropriated for the purchase of land and the erection of a school building and chapel as the circumstance may require, when such amount shall have been secured for that purpose.

Having resolved to inaugurate the work of Southern Negro evangelization at Florence, S. C., it remains for the Synod to determine what shall be done with the request of the Missions at Orangeburg in the same state, to be taken under the care of our Board of Domestic Missions. The Rev. Dr. W. L. Johnson, who represents the work, is a graduate of our own Theological Seminary at New Brunswick and was formerly a member of the Classis of New York. His testimonials are of the highest character and his reputation at Orangeburg unblemished. But the field he represents is already occupied with churches and schools for the colored people. These churches have a large membership and the school is a State institution. It seems unwise to your committee for the Reformed Church to enter such a field through the door of a mission, which after twenty years of life is still puny and weak. We therefore recommend as follows:

Resolved, That it is not expedient for the General Synod to entertain the proposition of the Rev. W. L.

Johnson and of the church at Orangeburg, S. C., in relation to mission work among the colored people of the South.

A reference from the Classis of New York of an application made to the Classis by the Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., to be received as a member of the Classis and to have the churches under his care placed upon the roll of the Classis is a reference to the Synod of a matter over which the Synod has no jurisdiction. Dr. Johnson is not a member of the Reformed Church neither are the churches desiring enrollment Reformed Churches. The only ecclesiastical body that can act upon the request of Dr. Johnson to be received as a member of the Classis of New York, or upon the request of the churches under his care to be entered upon the roll of the Classis of New York, is the Classis of New York itself. We therefore propose that this reference be returned to the Classis of New York and the attention of the Classis directed to this fundamental principle of the ecclesiastical polity of the Reformed Church in America.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board expire with this meeting of Synod.

Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D.,	Henry D. VanOrden, Esq.,
" Chas. W. Fritts, D.D.,	Mr. John S. Bussing,
" James LeFevre, D.D.,	" W. C. Spelman,
" R. H. Joldersma,	" S. T. Zabriskie.

Your committee recommends the election of Mr. Truman H. Baldwin in the place of Mr. S. T. Zabriskie and the re-election of the other persons whose term now expires, to serve for the ensuing three years.

The following nominations having been made for Classical Missionary Agents; we recommend the confirmation of the same.

Nominations for Classical Agents for Domestic Missions.

Classis of Greene,	Rev. Wm. D. Ward,
" Holland,	" G. De Jonge,
" Hudson,	" Geo. H. Burrill,

Classis of Kingston,	" Geo. Davis,
" South Long Island,	" P. V. Van Buskirk, for one year.
" Montgomery,	" E. J. Blekkink,
" Newark,	" D. H. Martin, for one year.
" Paramus,	" Ame Vennema,
" Passaic,	" J. S. Hogan, for two years.
" Schenectady,	" C. A. Conant.

As some of the Classes nominate such agents to serve for one year while others nominate them for two years and others for an indefinite period, your committee for the purpose of securing uniformity, recommends that hereafter such agents be nominated by the Classes every year at the Spring session.

The following arrangement is suggested for the public meeting to be held this evening in the interest of Domestic Missions.

Elder John S. Bussing to preside. Addresses to be delivered by the Rev. William Walton Clark, the Rev. A. G. Zigeler and Pres. Austin Scott.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THEO. W. WELLES,
B. B. STAATS,
MARCUS J. ROOP,
AUSTIN SCOTT,
WM. H. DOLLIVER.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. Charles H. Pool, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board and Rev. William Walton Clark, Field Secretary, addressed the Synod.

On Tuesday evening a popular meeting in the interests of Domestic Missions was held. The exercises were in accordance with the program reported by the Committee on Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE X.

PUBLICATION.

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

This Committee presented their Report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication respectfully submit the following report.

Three matters have been referred to your Committee for consideration, the approval and adoption of the hymn book, "In Excelsis," published by the Century Company of New York City; the appointment of a suitable committee for the translation of the Liturgy into the German language and the appropriation of funds for its publication; the Annual Report of the Board of Publication.

1.—Regarding the question of a new hymn book it may be remembered that a similar request was made of Synod at its session last year. The request comes again this year with an additional force perhaps in view of an expressed desire on the part of some of our ministers for the adoption of the above mentioned book. While an examination of this book—necessarily of a cursory character—reveals its many excellent features, yet the way does not appear clear to your Committee to accede to the proposition, if for no other reason than the lack of a thorough knowledge as to the real value of this book for our

churches. We believe that if a new hymn book is truly needed by the church, the proper method to obtain such is by special committee for the purpose. Your Committee however does not see the need, and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Synod at this time neither endorse nor recommend the above mentioned book.

2.—It certainly is an occasion of immense gratification that the work of our church among the German people of our country is progressing so rapidly and satisfactorily. In the German branch of the Reformed Church there are at this time sixty ministers and seventy-five or more churches. It has been a source of a little surprise to some of your Committee that these our brethren have not been provided with their necessary outfit. While required according to the constitution to use the Forms of the church for the Administration of the Sacrament, for ordination and discipline, the fact appears that such Forms are not in a language to be appreciated by a large proportion of our people. Upon petition therefore from the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, your Committee offers the following resolutions.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Revs. A. F. Beyer, P. F. Schuelke, J. H. Oerter, E. A. Meury, F. C. Erhardt be appointed by the General Synod to translate the Liturgy of the Church into the German language.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to publish this German translation as soon as funds will allow.

3.—The Report of the Board of Publication for the year just ended has been carefully read by your Committee. It is not for us to reproduce their report with its bright outlook and its difficult problems, since it is in printed form for circulation. But we urge a consideration by all to certain features which should be emphasized. The sales for the year have been *above the average* by

about one thousand dollars. The collections have amounted to \$1,595.51, a little more than two hundred dollars over those of last year, the benevolent work of the Board therefore has been correspondingly greater. The expenses in the salary account have been somewhat reduced.

There is something pathetic in the smallness of the contributions for the benevolent work of the Board. We are led to call attention again to the two-fold character of the work of the Board. It is a business enterprise and also a benevolent institution. For its benevolent work the Board asks for larger contributions ; for its business enterprise the Board asks only for a field of patronage within the bounds of the Church.

The value of this Report is not only in recording what has been done, but in indicating what might truly be accomplished through a worthy co-operation of the Church in the work of this Board.

Were this latter obtained it is confidently believed that the Board could do its important work with large success.

As to the question of business management, the Board has thus far hesitated to inaugurate an entirely new policy during a period of business depression, but hope to carry into effect the resolution of last year's Synod as soon as practicable.

We note with regret, the death during the year of Elder George Lott, who has been connected with the Board since 1893, of whom it is said that "his modest demeanor added a charm to his sterling Christian character, and gave weight to his counsel in the deliberation of the Board."

We offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Synod urges on the part of the whole Church a hearty support of the work of the Board of Publication in its business and benevolent work.

Resolved, That Synod recommends to the Sunday-

schools of our Church the use of the series of lesson helps of our own publication in view of the superiority of these helps enthusiastically attested by as many as have used them.

Resolved, That Synod recommends to the Church the purchase of all Sunday-school supplies so far as possible through the agency of this Board, which offers the very lowest rate, thereby giving to the Board the benefit of the profits.

Resolved, That Synod strongly re-affirms the resolution adopted last year, that at the earliest practicable moment, a young man of business education and experience should be found and appointed to fill the important part of Business Manager that the Board may reach that high standard of efficiency toward which we aim.

Resolved, That the following Ministers and Elders be appointed members of the Board of Publication for the ensuing term :

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
Rev. Isaac W. Gowen,	Samuel Rowland,
“ Chas. I. Shepard,	George W. Pool,
“ William P. Bruce,	B. B. Stewart,
“ W. J. Leggett,	John F. Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. MABON, *Chairman*,
G. H. BURRILL,
GARRET WYCKOFF,
A. BOUMA,
EPHRAIM CUTTER.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. I. W. Gowen was heard in the interests of the Board.

ARTICLE XI.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund presented the following report. It was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee on the Widows' Fund would respectfully report:

That there has been placed in our hands that part of the report of the Board of Direction relating to the Widows' Fund account, and the Widows' Fund income account. From these papers it appears that the following receipts and disbursements have been made by the Treasurer of the Board.

First, the *Widows' Fund* account is credited with:

CR.

Balance from last year, that is, the whole amount of the fund at that time	\$90,030 15
Legacy of Sarah Bayly.....	15,098 83
Balance of Legacy of Hannah Beebe	70 00
Annual payment of churches for their pastors.....	1,060 48
Three per cent. of principal sums paid in by ministers at one time..	90 00
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	\$106,349 46

DR.

To 75 per cent of personal payments withdrawn	\$157 50
Legal expenses in securing legacy of Sarah Bayly.....	175 00
Discount on R. R. Bonds, one year.	183 92
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	516 42
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Amount of principal fund at date...	\$105,833 04

Second, the Fund income account :

CR.

Balance from last year's account....	\$2,235 44
Annual payments by ministers.....	2,263 73
Collections from churches.....	1,686 41
Transfer from Fund account to In- come account.....	90 00
Interest.....	4,521 04
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	\$10,796 62

DR.

To cash paid annuitants.....	\$8,366 66
Three per cent. of \$3,000 amount of principal sums paid at one time by ministers.....	90 00
Apportionment of Treasurer's salary rent, etc.....	352 81
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	8,809 47
Balance on hand.....	\$1,987 15

It is a gratifying feature that this fund is gradually taking a deeper hold upon the mind of the Church, as is evident from the legacies, which were few and small in past years, so that the fund scarcely kept pace with the increasing number of annuitants. But during the last year the legacies amounted to \$15,168.13, an increase of \$14,481.37 over last year. One Junior Endeavor Society and four Sabbath schools have also contributed their mites, and we hope the number will be largely increased.

The amount paid by ministers of the Church is \$196.09 in excess of last year, while the Church offerings are \$115.32 less than the previous year, and last year less than the year before, so that the claims of the annuitants have reduced the balance of the Income Fund by \$248.29.

It seems, therefore, that every source of revenue has increased during the last year except that from Church

offerings. Will not the Pastors and Church Elders remind the churches that many ministers and families who have shared the toil and sacrifices for the spiritual welfare of those among whom they lived, and who are suddenly left almost desitute by the summons of the husband and father from his earthly to his Heavenly home.

The Classis of Newark has nominated Rev. C. E. Wyckoff as agent for this fund for one year; and the Classis of Paramus, Rev. W. Pemrose Miller, agent for the same fund, without limiting the time. We recommend that these nominations be confirmed.

We also recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That we unitedly bless the great Head of the Church that, as in the past, so now He fulfils His promise never to leave nor forsake His own, but raises up such agencies for their temporal and spiritual comforts as are best adapted to their wants and to His glory.

Resolved, That we deplore the fact that only 195 out of 634 churches have contributed to this much needed fund.

Resolved, That we most earnestly entreat the Classical agents to use their utmost endeavors to have each church in their respective Classes take at least an annual offering for this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MACNAIR,
B. C. LIPPINCOTT,
A. OOSTERHOF,
A. G. DEWITT,
T. L. WILGUS.

ARTICLE XII.

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

We have before us, nominations for Classical agents for this fund as follows :

For the Classis of Newark, Rev. C. E. Wyckoff, and for the Classis of Paramus, Elder W. P. Millar.

We recommend that these nominations be confirmed.

That all other Classes that have not appointed agents, be urged most earnestly to do so. That every church be solicited to make as large an offering as possible, annually to this fund.

We find in the Treasurer's report that the permanent fund has been increased by a legacy from Hannah O. Beebe, by \$70, making the amount at the beginning of the fiscal year \$63,293.13.

The income of the fund for the year has been,

From Interest on this fund.....	\$2,917 91
Collections from Churches.....	3,174 11
Individual gifts.....	51 00
Refunded by Beneficiaries.....	100 00
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Total.....	\$6,243 02

The demands upon this fund which have been met are :

For Aged and Disabled Ministers'.....	\$6,825 00
Expenses of Administration.....	229 96
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Total.....	\$7,054 96

Thus the payments have exceeded the receipts by \$811.94.

It is true that the Treasurer reported a balance on hand from the previous year but the painful fact remains that for years this has been vanishing, and at this year's rate of decrease it will very soon be gone.

How many worthy applicants for aid have been turned away unrelieved, how many have suffered in

silence the pinch of poverty, how the hearts of the administrators of this fund have ached, as they have listened to appeals they could not answer, is not stated, but what they have done is indicated only by the balance sheet which shows a payment of \$811.94 more than they have received.

We have found from the statistical table that only 262 churches gave to this fund, that 372 utterly neglected the instructions of Synod and the claims of this fund. Only eighty-one churches gave \$10 or more, and of these only nineteen gave \$25 or more.

If repetition can add force, we would repeat the call of all Synods for the last score of years, and beg that this fund which appeals so strongly both to our justice and our mercy have a larger place in the thought and effort of the whole denomination.

There is need, great need, of a forward movement in this matter; something ought to be done. No Classis should be willing to do, as some have done—contribute through all its churches one-tenth of the amount which it draws from the fund for the aid of its disabled members.

In view of the necessities of the case we recommend.

That a special Committee be appointed consisting of

Rev. C. Van Santvoord of the Synod of Albany.

Rev. David Cole of the Synod of New York.

Rev. Peter Stryker of the Synod of New Brunswick.

Rev. Peter De Pree of the Synod of Chicago.

Each member to act within the bounds of the Particular Synod to which he belongs.

That every member confer with the Board of Direction, and with their approval to act, (or to secure some suitable person, minister or layman, who shall act,) as an agent to solicit individual gifts and secure bequests for the Permanent Fund.

If the Board of Direction should desire we direct that for expenses and remuneration, these synodical agents be allowed to retain 10 per cent. of all cash contributions they may secure.

The exigencies of the case are so painful as to stir

the Church to more than resolution. Action is needful prompt, persistent and persevering.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. E. LYALL, *Chairman*.
REV. A. DEAN,
REV. D. BROEK,
JACOB J. VAN ZOEREN,
WILLIAM P. MILLAR.

ARTICLE XIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES.

The only paper referred to your Committee is an overture from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

This paper is a request that the General Synod recommend that there be a general revision by the churches of their roll at the beginning of the year 1900, and every fifth year thereafter.

It is the understanding of your Committee (and doubtless that of the Particular Synod also) that the proposed revision is not a substitute for Church discipline, and has no reference thereto, but only to absentees whose place of residence cannot be ascertained, and whose names are to be placed upon a reserved list. Possibly with greater care on the Pastors and Elders, so frequent a revision may not be necessary as regards our rural churches. Out of respect, however, to the judgment of the Particular Synod your Committee are not disposed to

make any change in the terms of their request, but submit for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the General Synod recommend the churches to make a general revision of the church roll at beginning of the year 1900, and every fifth year thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COLLIER,
EUGENE HILL,
P. V. VAN BUSKIRK,
G. L. VAN EMBURGH,
M. OAKLEY,

Committee.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to which was referred an overture from the Classis of Kingston relating to Particular Synods, and proposing changes in the constitutional requirements as to their times of meeting, presented the following report. It was accepted and adopted.

**REPORT ON AN OVERTURE FROM THE CLASSIS OF KINGSTON,
RELATING TO A CHANGE IN THE PARTICULAR SYNODS.**

This Overture was referred by last year's General Synod to the undersigned as a special committee, who were to report upon it at this meeting of Synod. As its contents were a plan of change, involving certain proposed Amendments to the Constitution, more careful scrutiny than Synod could give to it, was deemed necessary. The Committee to whom it was referred, have not judged it a part of their duty or their business to draft any alternative plan, or an amended Overture; but simply to see whether the present one was such in form, substance and detail, that Synod could advisedly recommend it to the Classes for adoption. Such, and nothing more, has been the scope of their enquiry.

The plan of change therein proposed, is in substance and brief as follows. It contains four principal points; that instead of annual sessions, as now required, the Particular Synods may reduce the number to one "regular session," in five years—any more frequent meetings being optional, or "special meetings" called for by "extraordinary business;" that for the year or years during which no meeting is held, the usual Classical reports shall be sent directly to the Stated Clerk of General Synod; that during said years, also, the Classes need not appoint delegates to the Particular Synod, but only fill vacancies among the holdovers of a previous list—whilst to General Synod they shall themselves, for those years, have the appointing power, without the intervention of the Particular Synod; and finally, that "each ecclesiastical judicatory higher than a consistory shall be the sole judge of the credentials and qualifications of its members." These points the Overture embodies in several constitutional amendments, wherever a change seemed requisite.

The reasons for such a change—especially the main one, the permissive intermission of five years—are earnestly stated in the Overture. Briefly reproduced, they are; the lack of business in, and, of course, of necessity for, annual sessions, in perhaps all the Particular Synods; the lack of interest thereby caused, and the consequent light attendance; the saving of expense to the Classes—supposedly twenty per cent. a year; and the fact, that the Amendments are not radical, but merely introduce elasticity where it seems especially desirable.

As a passing comment upon these reasons, it may be said that the saving of expense is the one principally dwelt upon. The plan would lighten, to a considerable extent, the Classical burden from "Classical dues." Of course, to save unnecessary expense in the transaction of church business, is an important matter, not to be disregarded. But, after all, in the present case, the previous and main question is certainly the place and *purpose* of the Particular Synod in our system of church work; was it a wise and good purpose, and does it still hold good? If not, why not? There are four Synods in our church. Are their

bounds too large, making attendance irksome and too expensive? Are they conducted as they might be, and so as to become helpful agencies in church work and growth? Has the spirit of the church anything to do with it? In connection with the developing energy and usefulness of our Woman's Boards and the work they are doing, as in other operations, may not the Synods find business and no "lack" of it, and be contributing channels of influence and inspiration to the churches? As bodies larger than the Classes, (which act separately in a limited field) may not something be said, also, as to their effect upon the fellowship of the churches, the growth and unity of the whole? Questions these, apparently, which stand previous for settlement to the reasons assigned in the Overture, for change; but they are outside the scope of the present Committee.

We now reach, for examination, the constitutional amendments by which, if adopted, the proposed plan is to be brought into being.

At this point, it may not be out of place to say, that the making of many amendments is quite apt, in time, to spoil the unity and consistency of the whole; to create difficulty of interpretation, where none was necessary. In the present instance, the amendments amount to several of considerable length, which have needed the scrutiny we have given them. The first is to Art. VIII., Sec. 5, wherein the regular annual meeting is or may be superseded by optional meetings up to a limit of five years, and should there be no President of Synod at the time of these meetings, the Stated Clerk shall give the notices. Such are the proposed changes. But, in order to reach what is involved in this contemplated change, we must ask: What is a regular meeting? It is one regularly, statedly, convened, as to both time and place—not irregular or occasionally. The rest are special, called out of the "ordinary" time, for some "extraordinary" or "special" or "particular" business, as necessity may require. There is, therefore, but one regular meeting proposed—at the end of five years. And what is the business of a regular meeting? Art. VIII, Sec. 2, gives it:

To form new Classes, to transfer congregations, to exercise a general superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the Classes, and an appellate supervising power relating to Christian discipline. Take, for instance, an appeal case. As is known, there are cases in which the Particular Synod is the final Court of Appeal. At what meeting? The Constitution says: "The next regular meeting." It, also, says that if an appellant cannot attend court "at the next stated meeting," "his appeal shall lie over to the next following stated meeting"—"stated," not special. In other words, it may lie over five or ten years! For these and other difficulties, not provided for in the Overture, there must be several new amendments. Besides, who can doubt, since they cannot conduct appeal cases, that there will be no special meetings? Will it create a hunger or whet the appetite for the next regular meeting, as in prospect a good dinner after a Lenten season of abstention? Or, having omitted meetings so long, will not the Classes become indifferent as to the fifth year? Would the amendment overcome one alleged reason for it: "Lack of interest"? Moreover, five years are a long period. As a possible contingency, suppose that, through death or removal or other causes, there were no President or Stated Clerk to call a meeting, and only an uncertain number of scattered, holdover members!

We may here allude briefly to three other amendments—amendments to Art. VIII, Sec. 4, Art. VII, Sec. 7, and Art. IX, Sec. 1—viz., that for intervening years, the Classes shall themselves appoint delegates, and the Stated Clerks furnish the usual statistical tables and the annual report on the state of religion, directly to *the General Synod*. Of course, a corollary to the previous amendment. But see the effect. We have referred above to the effect of the five years amendment on appeal cases and the interest likely to be taken in the Synod. But by articles which remain *unamended*, the Synod has, also, a power of superintendence over the spiritual interests of the Classes. How is this superintendence exercised? At each regular session, the Classical minutes must be laid upon the table. The Classes must report (Art. VII, Sec. 4) all whom they

have examined and licensed or ordained, *i. e.*, put into the ministry of the Church. They must report in detail (Art. VII, Sec. 7) upon the "constitutional questions," which concern the mutual faithfulness of ministers and churches, and this "for the information of the higher judicatories." They must report (Art. VIII, Sec. 4) "on the state of religion"—revivals, accessions, or the contrary, the condition of the churches, with tabular statistics. All this to the *Particular Synod*, as an integral part of its "general superintendence"; as matters of interest and "information" to that larger neighborhood of churches, that fellowship of churches, which the Particular Synod represents. Now all these requirements, as we have said, stand unamended, except the last. Nevertheless, for (say) four years out of five, this useful "superintendence" and these requirements are rendered null. The Classes make no reports or only stale ones, five years old. For four years out of five, those on the state of religion have gone directly to the General Synod, to be lumped with the mass of such, under the hasty handling of a Committee. For four years out of five, also, the Classes appoint the delegates to General Synod, nominate only the fifth year; while to the Particular Synod the delegates are mostly holdovers, back numbers, found in a list entirely out of date. Surely here is confusion enough, article colliding with article, like ferryboats crossing in a fog; amendments still needed to harmonize the whole, and render the plan workable. To remove some difficulties, it creates others. To remedy a lack of business and interest in the Particular Synod, it takes away or nullifies a major part of its business.

It only remains to consider the last amendment, *viz.*: that "each ecclesiastical judicatory higher than a consistory shall be the sole judge of the credentials and qualifications of its members." It will be seen that it does not relate, in especial, to the Particular Synod; and as it has no specific place, it is appended as a new section to Art. X, on "customs and usages." We gather its purport and scope from itself. For instance: As the majority of a body—say a Classis—is substantially the body, it may, for

reasons personal, political, or as it may be, without trial or appeal, refuse to receive the representative of a consistory and church; or, in like manner, it may expel its own minority, for it is "the sole judge of the credentials and qualifications of its members." Moreover, should the majority become lax in doctrine or discipline, it could receive into its membership, the ministry and pastorate, any one from any seminary or church; for it would be "the sole judge of the credentials and qualifications of its members." Constitutional provisions as to the ministry, the Article on dispensations, synodical superintendence and the right of appeal, would be of no account, for there it would stand, the latest and a mandatory amendment, that: "Each judicatory higher than a consistory shall be the sole judge of the credentials and qualifications of its members." Divisive enough, a wedge of discord! Doubtless its sweep and effect were not perceived, whatever the special reason for its insertion. From its entrenched position behind Art. X, and "customs and usages," it is a single gun battery, capable of mowing down the Constitution, Article after Article, and subverting the system of united church action based upon it.

As the result of this review, your Committee offer the following resolution:

That the plan proposed in the Overture relating to Particular Synods, and the Constitutional Amendments connected therewith, are not such in their details and general effect that this Synod can recommend them to the Classes for adoption.

A. G. VERMILYE,
J. A. DEBAUN,
G. L. DANFORTH,
DEWITT ROOSA.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL MINUTES AND REFERENCES.

The Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York were received

and placed in the hands of the Committee on Synodical Minutes and References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes and References presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes having examined the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York, New Brunswick and Chicago, report that they find nothing demanding the attention of this General Synod in the Minutes of Albany, New York and New Brunswick.

In those of Chicago, Art. XI—Schools and Education (page 157)—there are the following recommendations:

“We recommend to General Synod to so strengthen the agencies of the Board of Education that there be less need of the appointment of special agents by which the interests of any one of these institutions might be promoted at least possible cost to others.”

We recommend these educational institutions to the prayers and benevolence of our churches, reminding them that the permanence and power of the church depend, to a great extent, upon the broadness and thoroughness and the Christian character of our institutions of learning.

Resolved, That by this General Synod these recommendations be referred to the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SEARLE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XV.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented their report. It was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Judicial Business respectfully report:

First.—That there has been referred to them an appeal by the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Wormser City, Montana, from a decision of the Particular Synod of Chicago, in the matter of a prior appeal made by that Consistory from actions and decisions by the Classis of Dakota.

We find that the constitutional directions (Art. XIV, Sec. 6) have been fully observed, and "the documents in the case" are present as provided.

We therefore report that the appeal is found in order. We recommend that General Synod set a time to try the issue, to be conducted strictly in accord with the Synod's "Rules of Order," 23, (4) so far as circumstances may admit.

There has also been placed in our hands a communication from the Consistory interested, asking that counsel may be assigned to them, and designating the Rev. A. Wormser to nominate such counsel in their behalf, Mr. Wormser himself not being a member of this judicatory. We recommend, in accordance with his suggestion, that the Rev. W. H. Williamson be thus designated by this Synod. Mr. Wormser also, by request of the Consistory, holds himself ready to appear as a witness, if desired.

The Particular Synod of Chicago has failed to avail itself of its privilege of designating a Commissioner to represent it. As such appointment is entirely optional, according to the rules laid down in the Constitution, your Committee do not see that any action on the part of this Synod is necessary in the premises. We conclude, from their deliberate non-action, that the Particular Synod does not care for any representation beyond the statements in its printed minutes.

We further recommend that the proceedings take the following order:

1. The decision appealed from shall be read as it is formulated on page 155 of the Minutes of the Particular

Synod, as follows: "The Committee therefore finds no ground of complaint against the action of the Classis of Dakota, but commends its firmness in demanding proper legal standing in members of Consistory and in their actions as such."

2. The Appeal and Reasons of Appeal shall be read.

3. All the documents in the case shall be read, and in the following order.

1st. The Report of the Committee on References and Appeals of the Particular Synod of Chicago, which gives their reasons for the action appealed from. (Min. pp. 151-155.)

2d. The Minutes of the Classis of Dakota bearing on the case (pp. 249-259), together with such original confirmatory letters and other documents, as may be called for in the course of such reading, provided that such documents are present in the custody of the Committee.

3d. The Minutes of the Consistory of the Church of Wormser City, so far as they bear on the matters at issue, being recorded in Dutch, some competent member of this Synod shall be appointed by the President of Synod to translate them.

After which the Synod shall further proceed according to the instructions of the Rules of Order and the Constitution.

Second.—There was also referred to us a communication from Messrs. Adrian van Helden and James P. Petit, as respectively President and Secretary of a civil organization which bears the title of "The Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia."

A year ago General Synod acknowledged with thanks the presentation of "a gift from the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, of a mosaic portrait of the late Rev. Dr. George W. Bethune" (see Minutes Gen. Syn., 1897, p. 621.) The gentlemen whose names are signed to the communication in hand claim that the mosaic now mounted on the wall of Sage Library, was not legally in the custody of those who then gave it, but belongs to

them as the civil organization recognized by the Pennsylvania courts. They ask us to repeal the vote of thanks passed last year, and to reaccept the gift from *them* as "The Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia." If unwilling to do this, they demand that we deliver the mosaic to them, or they will take legal steps to regain its possession.

Your Committee are of the opinion that it is not the province of this Synod to decide as between the claims of these rivals. The ecclesiastical organization known as The Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia was disbanded years ago, by order of Synod. Its name does not appear on the list of any Classis of this Church. It is non-extant, so far as this Synod can take cognizance of it.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that an answer be returned to these gentlemen to the effect that General Synod has already returned thanks to "The Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia" for the gift of the mosaic of Dr. G. W. Bethune, as they desire (Min. 1897, p. 621). No names are mentioned in the resolution of Synod, but only the civil and corporate title of the organization. It is not the province, nor in the power of this Synod to decide as to who are members of a "civil organization" not under its recognized care as a church.

But, inasmuch as both parties concerned seem to agree in their desire and intention that the mosaic shall be the property of this Synod, we are willing to say that the resolution of last year applies, as therein stated, to "The Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia," leaving it entirely to the courts of Pennsylvania to decide as to civil organizations, and as to who compose them. But this Synod contents itself with putting it on record that it has no desire to hold property which does not legally belong to it.

Respectfully submitted,

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman*.
CORNELIUS BRETT,
B. V. D. WYCKOFF,
H. H. SHOOK,
JOSEPH POOLE.

TRIAL OF THE APPEAL OF THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH,
WORMSER CITY.

On Wednesday morning, June 8th, a motion was made and carried that the Committee on Leave of Absence be instructed to grant no more leave of absence except in the case of sickness until the appeal case is disposed of.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 8th, the first order of business was the Appeal of the First Reformed Church of Wormser City, Montana, reported by the Committee on Judicial Business.

The President in accordance with Sec. 2d, of Rule 23, Judicial Business, read by the Stated Clerk, announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business. Prayer was offered by the President.

The trial was conducted as proposed by the Committee. Rev. Wm. H. Williamson acted as counsel for the church.

After all the parties had been fully heard, and all the information deemed necessary by the Synod gained, the parties interested withdrew. The roll was called and every member was given an opportunity to express his opinion on the case.

After the expression of these opinions the Committee on Judicial Business presented the following paper as embodying what appeared to be the sense of the house upon the matters concerned in the Appeal.

I.

Resolved, That the decision of the Particular Synod of Chicago, on the appeal of the First Church of Wormser City be *reversed* in part, viz :

1. That while General Synod reaffirms the well recognized principle that the Stated Supply is not a member of the Consistory of the church which he serves and cannot, except by the courtesy of Classis, represent the

church or take any part in ecclesiastical matters, yet the presence of the Stated Supply for purposes of council and support at meetings of Consistory is eminently fitting.

2. While the Stated Supply is not by virtue of his office the President of Consistory, the fact that he has presided, by request or consent of the Consistory, at a regular or special meeting, does not in the least invalidate the proceedings, unless it be shown that action has been decided by his vote. He has no right to vote in such a body.

3. While at the election of Elders and Deacons of a new church, the Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 5), requires that a minister of the Classis shall preside, the ensuing section (Art IV, Sec. 6), provided for the perpetuation of the Consistory by elections without the interference of the Classis.

It is therefore the duty as well as the right, of the Consistory to provide for the elections of Elders and Deacons to fill the place of those whose term of office, from time to time, expires; and it is the undoubted right of the Consistory to provide for elections to fill vacancies occurring during the year.

4. The ordination of Elders and Deacons is a ministerial act, and in a vacant congregation or in congregations where a Stated Supply officiates, any minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, whose ministerial standing is unquestioned, may officiate, by request of the Consistory, at the service of ordination. Such ordination will be valid, even if performed by a minister who has not been appointed by Classis to do the work.

5. The General Synod finds that the Elders, Gerrit Haak and John Van Diest, and the Deacons, W. G. Abrahamse and Peter Bergmann, were regularly elected at a congregational meeting of the Church at Wormser

City, called by the lawful Consistory of said Church, to fill the places of those whose terms were about to expire, and to fill other vacancies in said Consistory.

6. That the above mentioned Elders and Deacons were regularly ordained, after due notice to the congregation, and that these Elders and Deacons are members of the only lawful Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Wormser City, Mont.

II.

On the other hand :

Resolved, That the decision of the Particular Synod of Chicago in this case be *sustained* in part.

1. The General Synod sustains the Particular Synod of Chicago in commending the Classis of Dakota for declining to approve the call of the church at Wormser City on the Rev. S. Hoozeboom, for the reason that the said call was moderated and endorsed by one who was not a minister of the Classis, as is required by the Constitution (Art. VI. Sec. 11) for the performance of that special act.

2. The General Synod sustains the Particular Synod of Chicago in its action in denying the appeal of the church of Wormser City in regard to the matter of the application for aid from the Church Building Fund.

An application for such aid is a prerogative of Classis in the administration of Domestic Mission funds. From the action of a Classis in these matters no appeal can be taken to a higher court.

To conclude the whole matter we append the following two resolutions, viz.:

1st. That the members of the church of Wormser City be urged to harmonize their differences, and to accept the advice of the Classis of Dakota in adjusting their ecclesiastical affairs.

2d. That the review of this case has brought out the fact that the Particular Synod of Chicago did not try the issue, but decided it on the report of their Committee of References and Appeals. The General Synod pronounce this proceeding irregular, and exposing the Particular Synod to censure. We call the attention of the Particular Synod of Chicago to the importance of adhering to their own Rules of Order in the conduct of business.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON,
C. BRETT,
B. V. D. WYCKOFF,
H. H. SHOOK,
JOSEPH POOLE.

All the above resolutions were adopted.

On the Fifth Resolution the Yeas and Nays were called for, and taken for record as follows :

Yeas ; Ministers, George H. Burrill, S. T. Searle, J. L. Mc Nair, F. Hartig, W. H. Ten Eyck, A. Duncombe, John S. Gardner, P. V. Van Buskirk, N. Pearse, J. E. Lyall, J. H. Suydam, J. Lansing Pearse, F. S. Barnum, W. D. Ward, I. J. Van Hee, J. D. Peters, P. T. Phelps, J. Laubenheimer, D. L. Betten, G. G. Seibert, J. H. Brandow, C. P. Ditmars, DeW. G. Rockefeller, D. Wortman, A. J. Sebring, S. Van der Werf, Artemas Dean, M. J. Roop, C. Brett, P. Stryker, I. V. W. Schenck, M. H. Hutton, J. Le Fevre, J. H. Raven, W. Johnston, G. W. Labaw, F. S. Wilson, J. B. Church, O. M. Voorhees, H. C. Willoughby, C. S. Wyckoff, A. J. Hageman, Minor Swick, B. V. D. Wyckoff.

Elders, H. H. Shook, Jos. C. Pool, John C. Giffing, W. F. Layton, E. Cutter, J. C. Ackerman, Wm. Thompson, W. L. M. Phelps, Frederick Saxe, Adam Smith, P. S. Beekman, J. Moore, W. H. Rainey, D. H. Sitzer, Jas. Van Arsdale, J. J. Van Zoeren, Peter Bogert, E. D. Howland, Peter Van Zee, G. L. Van Emburgh, James Stothoff, W. P.

Millar, J. R. Vanderbeck, Wm. Hamilton, W. H. Dolliver, John F. Vanderveer. Total Yeas 70.

Nays; Ministers, Jos. Millet, B. E. Dickhaut, Henry M. Cox, Wm. W. Clark, J. L. Stillwell, J. E. Bernart, A. F. Mabon, J. Van Westenburg, F. E. Schlieder, E. J. Blekink, E. A. Collier, A. H. Strabbing, B. C. Lippincott, D. Broek, P. Ihrman, J. W. Warnshuis, G. De Jonge, J. Poppen, B. W. Lammers, J. N. Hutchinson, M. Kolyn, P. De Pree, J. P. Winter, C. Heins, W. R. Ackert, E. A. Meury, B. B. Staats, T. W. Welles.

Elders, A. G. De Witt, J. W. Gardiner, W. H. Jackson, Isaac Mahieu, J. E. Van Aken, T. S. Smith, Wm. Bommelje, M. Alemae, H. H. De Rouville, Henry Ernst, N. W. Donnan, A. Vroegindewey, B. Riksen, J. Den Herder, P. H. De John, H. De Jong, C. Rynsburger, A. Bouma, H. Stuit, H. C. Steinhoff, Louis Steck, N. M. Whipple, J. H. Van Mater, T. C. Van Reyper, Austin Scott, Anthony Post. Total Nays, 54.

ARTICLE XVI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully reports that the following papers have been referred to it.

The reports of the Rev. W. P. Bruce, Corresponding Delegate to the United Presbyterian Church, with a copy of his letter to that body; of the Rev. C. Brett, Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; of the Rev. D. Wortman, Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; of the Rev. W. J. Leggett, Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; of the Rev. James Demarest,

Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; all of whom have fulfilled by letter the duties placed upon them by Synod.

The credentials of the Rev. J. H. Weber of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of the Rev. James Y. Boice of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, both of whom were present and addressed the Synod, as representatives of their respective denominations, also the credentials of the Rev. M. H. Hutton, the Delegate of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System, who presented to the Synod the aims and objects of the Alliance. The President of Synod made fitting responses to these Delegates.

A communication from the Rev. Charles F. Hendricks, Secretary of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, being a reply to the letter of greeting of the Rev. W. S. Cranmer, the Corresponding Delegate to the Council and containing the credentials of the Rev. Charles H. Tucker, Delegate and the Rev. W. D. Stevens alternate to attend this meeting of Synod.

A communication from the Rev. W. H. Roberts, Secretary of the Executive Commission of Western Section of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System, presenting the cordial greetings of the Alliance, and calling attention to the following items.

(a.) That the Seventh General Council of the Alliance will be held in Washington, D. C., in September, 1899.

(b.) Requesting that Synod make provision for its apportionment of the expenses of the Alliance for the present year, which amounts to the sum of \$180.

A communication from the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, expressing much gratification at the reception of Synod's invitation to the Church of the Netherlands, to send a Delegate to this body, and expressing regret that the Deputy appointed to attend this session of

Synod, the Rev. Prof. Rutgers, is unable to be present on account of his duties at the Free University, Amsterdam.

A communication from the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, of the Cape Colony, South Africa, acknowledging the receipt of a letter, bearing date July 20th, 1895, and offering to this Synod the assurance that the General Synod of the Dutch Church of the Cape Colony gratefully appreciates the kind and Christian sentiments to which it gives expression.

A communication from the Rev. W. H. Roberts, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, conveying the fraternal salutations of that Church.

A communication from the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England, commending the Rev. Charles A. Berry to our churches in the interests of International Arbitration.

A communication from the Rev. E. M. Green, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, assuring the Synod of its interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Reformed Church, which was read to Synod.

A communication from the Secretary of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Church of Italy, asking Synod to be represented by deputation or letter at their meeting in Florence from the 12th, to 15th, of October, 1898.

A communication from the Classis of Wisconsin relative to the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Roseland, Ill.

Your Committee have given careful consideration to this communication, and while we regret that a Presbyterian Church has been organized in Roseland, against the protest of the Classis of Wisconsin, yet the Committee does not feel called upon to propose any action in the circumstances.

The Committee refers the appointment of Delegates to the Seventh General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System to be held in September, 1899, to the General Synod of 1899.

Your Committee would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to pay the Treasurer of the Alliance of Reformed Churches the sum of \$180.

Resolved, That the invitation of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Church of Italy to be represented at their meeting in Florence in October, 1898, be and hereby is accepted.

The following are nominated as delegates to the ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in correspondence.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Rev. A. H. Brush, *primarius*; Rev. W. Hall Williamson, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. Peter De Pree, *primarius*; Rev. C. H. Whitehead, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. R. Kyle, *primarius*; Rev. James F. Farrar, D.D., *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. A. J. Sebring, *primarius*; Rev. J. H. Karsten, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Rev. B. E. Dickhaut, *primarius*; Rev. F. S. Barnum, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. H. M. Cox, *primarius*; Rev. G. D. Hulst, *secundus*.

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, Rev. O. H. Walser.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of the Cape Colony, South Africa, Rev. John Vander Meulen, Rev. A. Vennema.

To the General Assembly of the Evangelical Church of Italy, at its meeting of October, 1898, Rev. Jesse Brooks, Rev. P. T. Pockman.

To the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, Rev. James F. Zwemer, Rev. E. Tilton.

JOHN S. GARDNER,
F. V. VAN VRANKEN,
JOHN BROEK,
PETER BOGART,
N. W. DONNAN.

ARTICLE XVII.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

The Rev. J. W. Hathaway, of the American Sabbath Union, was introduced to the Synod, and addressed it on the cause he represented.

Dr. Hunt, of the American Bible Society, being obliged to leave the Synod before he could be heard in behalf of the Society, Rev. C. Brett addressed the Synod concerning the claims of that Society.

The Rev. Judson Swift, Field Secretary of the American Tract Society, appeared in behalf of that institution, but being obliged to leave before opportunity was extended to him to address the Synod, the following action was taken :

Resolved, That this General Synod heartily endorses the American Tract Society, and re affirms the action of

previous Synods in commending to the liberality of our churches the benevolent work in which it is engaged.

The Report of the Committee on Benevolent Societies presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Benevolent Societies begs to report as follows :

The Rev. Dr. Hunt, the Secretary of the American Bible Society, appeared before your Committee, and stated that the Society had employed for seventy-five (75) years District Superintendents to labor in various parts of the United States for the purpose of organizing and stimulating auxiliary societies, and in other ways advancing the interests of the Bible cause. The expenses of this system amounted during recent years to about thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually. This outlay, especially for the past few years, has not been met by satisfactory results. These District Superintendents, twenty-one (21) in number, have now been retired from service. And it is proposed to divide the country into seven districts, and place each under the oversight of a Field Secretary, whose chief duty shall be to present to ecclesiastical bodies, churches, and individuals the increasing claims of the Society.

The work of the American Bible Society is essentially and always benevolent. Its avowed aim being to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and the Society deems it destructive to its benevolent purpose to compete in the high-priced bindings of Oxford, Bagster and other publishers.

Resolved, That in view of the great importance of the work conducted by the American Bible Society, and in view of its being a cause so peculiarly worthy to be remembered with offerings, your Committee urges increased contributions to this blessed Bible cause.

The Rev. J. W. Hathaway, D.D., General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, appeared before General Synod in behalf of the Union.

In regard to the work of the American Sabbath Union your Committee would present the following :

1. That the General Synod on behalf of the churches renews allegiance to God, and its determination to observe His Holy Day according to the teachings of His Word.

2. That it urges all the members of our churches and of our Sunday-schools to abstain from the secular use of the day and to influence others to do the same.

3. That General Synod deplores the increased use of the bicycle for Sunday pleasure riding, and the reading of the Sunday newspapers in Christian families, and urges the pastors in preaching on the Fourth Commandment to speak plain on these subjects.

4. That an offering be taken some time during the year for the benefit of the American Sabbath Union and the Women's National Alliance, and that the proceeds be sent to A. S. Bacon, Treasurer, 34 Wall Street, New York City.

In reference to a communication from the American Anti-Saloon League extending a cordial invitation to become affiliated with it, and more definitely identified with its activities by the sending of ten delegates to their convention, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1898, and by appointing a representative upon their National Board.

Your Committee respectfully recommends the following:

1. That in view of the extent and intensity of the special forms of the evil against which the American Anti-Saloon League directs its energies, the General Synod again emphatically denounces all the vicious influ-

ences of those engaged in the sale of intoxicants, and expresses its concurrence in their general work as an Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HARMELING, *Chairman*.
CHALMERS P. DYKE,
JOHN H. RAVEN,
HENRY C. STEINHOFF,
A. CRAM VROEGINDEWEY.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Sixth Annual Report of General Synod's Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was received, and referred to the Committee appointed at the present session.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence begs leave to report as follows:

To your Committee was referred the Sixth Annual Report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence. It reads as follows:

To the General Synod:—

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presents herewith its Sixth Annual Report:

In reviewing the work of the year, it is gratifying to note the marked improvement that has been made in the

general beneficence of the Church. With the single exception of the year 1896, when a large amount of money was contributed towards the payment of the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions, the sum total of gifts to the various Boards and Funds is greater than for a number of years past; indeed, it is doubtful whether the aggregate has ever been exceeded in any other previous year.

For purposes of comparison, the following tabular statements are given, showing the increase in the number of contributing churches, and in the total amounts of their offerings:

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Number of churches contributing to Foreign Missions.....	513	534	518	533
Number of churches contributing to Domestic Missions.....	512	525	520	541
Number of churches contributing to Church Building Fund.....	329	337	336	342
Number of churches contributing to Board of Education.....	319	315	323	355
Number of churches contributing to Disabled Ministers' Fund...	242	255	266	270
Number of churches contributing to Widow's Fund.....	181	172	183	193
Number of churches contributing to Board of Publication.....	144	195	178	210
Total.....	2,240	2,333	2,324	2,444

The actual amounts contributed during the year to these various objects of denominational benevolence have been as follows:

Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$122,236 18
Board of Domestic Missions.....	74,910 87
Church Building Fund.....	7,474 42
Board of Education.....	7,268 47
Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	3,225 11
Widows' Fund.....	1,700 02
Board of Publication.....	1,595 51
Total.....	\$218,410 58

The total contributions to the above named Boards and Funds for the past four years are indicated below :

1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
\$194,646.	\$230,208.	\$204,017.	\$218,410.58.

In these figures legacies are included.

It has not always been practicable for the committee, composed as it is of busy men whose time is largely occupied with other responsibilities and cares which are imperative, to give to the work entrusted to them, that degree of attention which its importance demands. They have endeavored, however, to meet, as fully as possible, its growing requirements, and in addition to the ordinary printing of envelopes and pledge cards, the following publications have been issued :

1. Fifth Annual Report of the Committee,
1897 750 copies
2. Catalogue of Leaflets and other Publications..... 1000 “
3. Leaflet No. 7, “What are we giving our money for?” by the Rev. Alfred E. Myers..... 6000 “
4. Christian Endeavor Edition of the same... 2000 “

The little tract above mentioned, which was prepared by the Rev. Mr. Myers at the request of the Committee, has been received with much favor by the churches, and has served a valuable purpose in supplying, in compact form, such information with reference to the character and work of the Boards and Funds of the Church, and their relative importance, as was deemed necessary in order to a more intelligent giving to each one of these recognized objects of beneficence.

Some months ago it was decided to supply the churches gratuitously, on application, with as many envelopes as they were willing to use for the collection of their benevolent offerings for our own denominational work. The effect of this policy has been to increase the demand for such envelopes, and the corresponding increase in

gifts, noted elsewhere, is undoubtedly due in a measure to the same cause.

The total number of envelopes distributed during the year has been 153,751, of which 54,556 were used for benevolent offerings, and 99,195 were sold to churches using the envelope system for local church support. The profits derived from these sales have enabled the Committee to prosecute its work, as for several years past, without expense, either to the Synod or to the Boards.

The following financial statement is submitted :

Balance on hand June 1, 1897.....	\$ 47.07
Received from the sale of envelopes.....	169.84
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	\$216.91
The cost of the year's work has been.....	153.29
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Balance.....	\$63.62

The term of service of the following members of the Committee has expired, viz.: The Rev. Henry M. Cox and Elder John S. Bussing. The Synod is respectfully requested, not only to name the successors, but to designate a chairman to succeed the present incumbent, who declines a reappointment.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. COX,
DANIEL H. MARTIN,
ALFRED E. MYERS,
JOHN S. BUSSING,
V. M. W. SUYDAM.
WILLIAM M. IMBRIE,
Committee.

NEW YORK, June 1, 1898.

The facts and figures presented by this report, showing the response of churches and individuals to the benevolent work of the denominations, and as compared with conditions eight years ago, when this Permanent Commit-

tee was appointed, prove the wisdom of this new departure of provoking one another, to broader and more regular and systematic giving, than was the manner heretofore.

A study of the annual tabular statement of contributions shows how we are approximating toward the desired object of a general and personal consecration, and such a consecration that is instant to the particular need, and constant in the increasing work, consecration of our stewardship as well as of our childship.

We appreciate the devoted labors of that Committee and would honor the workings of the Holy Spirit, in owning these efforts, and enriching our membership with that precious grace of giving, which is such a seal of fellowship with Him who gave Himself and so conserved joy and strength to the Christian life.

We notice with gratitude, apart from the advances mentioned by the Committee in the increased numbers of contributing churches, the remarkable gain of this year over the previous one, viz ; some \$16,500 more for Foreign Missions, and \$10,000 for Domestic Missions, naming no other Boards.

Organization tells : apportionments, though often spoken against, do pay ; education for our members in the theory and practice of systematic giving, educates ; brave leadership, on the part of pastors and elders, will avail ; and above all prayer will prevail.

However, the pressure of the growing work of the church constrains us away from self-complacency and mutual congratulations to the forefront of willingness to render a complete sacrifice.

Rather than begin to think, "I gave tithes of all that I possess," may we confess "God, be merciful to us."

We recommend this acknowledgement to those eighty churches that did not heed the call "go ye" in person or by prayer or gift, into all the world, by giving nothing to the Board of Foreign Missions.

To those 100 churches that suffered Jesus Christ to be an hungered, naked, and a stranger, in our own land and clothed him not, nor took him in, by failing to do anything

for the perpetuation of our denominational life and the presentation of the gospel to the destitute in our borders, through the Board of Domestic Missions.

And, to those nearly 300 churches that did not taste the privilege of giving something for that grandest and far reaching of benevolences, the care for a future ministry and for a generation of Christian thinkers and toilers, as represented by the work of the Board of Education.

What shall we pay tribute to Cæsar for free schools, because we *must*, and though we *may*, never render unto God, the things which be God's ?

Truly there is need of prayerful study and courageous application of the inspired truth: "Give a portion to seven, yea also to eight, for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth."

Redemption from sin means restoration to service. Systematic beneficence strives after applied Christianity, it labors for conversion from emotional, forced, meagre and grudging giving, into the reasonable service of prompt, periodic and proportionate giving so that the membership of the church may fall heir to that choicest gift the loving kindness of our God for He loveth the cheerful giver.

Christ enjoys the consecration of the widow's mite, and the child's penny ; but, how he yearns for the royal gifts of those whom he has blessed with riches.

A covetous Christian is a contradiction in terms.

Time was when we asked great things of God ; the hour has come when he is doing marvelously great things for us, at home and abroad ; may the day soon dawn when those who can, shall will to do great things for Him.

Oh, that enlarged opportunities, might discover some princely givers among the sons and daughters of the King, within our Reformed Church !

Let the efficient work of the Permanent Committee have the full confidence and ready responses of all concerned.

If anywhere, it is in this matter of giving, of giving as a Christian should give, as unto God, as for Jesus sake, as an act of worship, and of disinterested love—that we have a clear call to educate and agitate.

Such a Christian giving has a saving power as well as blessed results.

It saves from empty treasuries, and debt burdened institutions, and from the ubiquitous solicitor ; it saves from the besetting sin of selfishness ; it saves from the thralldom of materialism, and it saves from the sad reproach, " Ye have made my Father's house an house of merchandise."

For the continuation of this work, we recommend the following :

Resolved, That the Sixth Annual Report of the Permanent Committee be and is hereby adopted.

That the cordial thanks of this Synod are hereby expressed to the Rev. Alfred E. Myers for the preparation of the tract, " What are we giving our money for?"

That the Permanent Committee be requested to prepare and distribute a similar tract or tracts, during the year.

That said Committee be also requested to correspond with the delinquent churches, and kindly urge them to fall into line with the rest of us in this work.

That the Committee be asked to so arrange in their blanks for churches and Classical Agents that contributions for the Arabian Missions may also be recognized.

That pastors and consistories be urged to adopt any approved plan, or every proper plan to secure offerings from all.

That the Classes be requested to appoint Classical Agents for the furtherance of this work.

That pastors be urged to consider the desirability of preaching an annual sermon on benevolence, teaching our churches to remember how Jesus said, " It is more blessed to give than to receive."

That the Rev. Henry M. Cox and Elder John S. Bussing be appointed as members of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence; and that for the ensuing year the Rev. Alfred E. Myers, serve as Chairman.

Finally, since your Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence had referred to it a report of the Perma-

ment Committee on the same subject, it seems to us that a "double header" to such a small train might be done away with; though we do not see our way clear to recommend the discontinuance of the established Standing Committee, nor do we desire to dispense with the efficient labors of the Permanent Committee, yet we think that some measure may be found whereby this double committee, for a single subject, could be united into one, thus simplifying matters and expediting business. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Permanent Committee be requested to consider this matter of consolidating the above named Committees, and report thereon to the next regular session of the General Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES F. ZWEMER,
H. C. WILLOUGHBY,
M. R. GORDON,
J. MOORE,
E. D. HOWLAND.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of the offerings made during the year ending April 30th, 1898, by the several churches to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by the General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each church, whether by church offering or otherwise :

[See Synod's Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
Classis of Albany.						
First, Albany.....	\$146 70		\$1049 06	\$1081 88	\$125 15	\$30
Madison Avenue.....	194 86		1978 81	1517 82	66 50	66 50
Third, Albany.....			15	35		
Fourth, Albany.....	1	50	81	59 50	1	1 50
Holland, Albany.....	3 60		59 40	76 70		
First, Bethlehem.....	23 61	8	70 84	88 34		
Second, Bethlehem.....	10	8	80 75	75 75		
Second, Berne.....	1 09	7 68	5 07	2 17	66	23
Knox.....	4 31	94	24 29	7 84	2 57	87
Clarksville.....			12	10		
Coeymans.....	2 20	6 44	95 75	73	3 37	
Jerusalem.....	7		48 29	33 68		
New Salem.....				4 73		
Onesquethaw.....			3 44			
New Baltimore.....		5 03	77 13	43 93		
Union.....	1 15		4 36	4 30		
Westerlo.....			5	5 50		
Sixth, Albany.....						
Classis of Bergen.						
First, Hackensack.....	76 25		972 05	353 38		
Schraalenburgh.....	18 65	7 56	95 04	170 52	8 71	9 98
English Neighborhood.....	6 50	3 50	42 52	49 81		
New Durham.....	47 70	5	378	359 03	25 83	25 83
First, Hoboken.....			59 21			
North Bergen.....	12	5	124 91	57	5	5
Second, Hackensack.....	25 33	10 33	367 08	536 62		
German Evangelical, Hoboken.....			22	19 62	10	20
Third, Hackensack.....				5 13		
Closter.....	7 72	4 79	61 26	60 38		
Palisades.....			33 43	104 86		
Guttenberg.....			8	21 64		
Central Avenue, Jersey City.....	5	2	54 88	36 12	5	20
Cherry Hill.....	4		72 05	54 01	2 74	2 73
Secaucus.....						
Spring Valley, N. J.	2 90	2 50	5 75	7 97	2 50	2 50
Westwood.....	8		188 72	113 32		
Oradell.....	14 45		108 55	122 52		
Hasbrouck Heights.....			5	5	1	
West Hoboken Chapel.....				29		

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
South Classes of Bergen.						
Bergen	\$36 58	\$33 79	\$420 04	\$404 41	\$85 50	\$80
Farm, Bayonne	28 66	20 66	217 78	28 26	7 06	7 04
Wayne Street, Jersey City		7 43	468 79	368 09	6	
Bergen Point	8	2	206 96	143 70	4	4
Second, Hudson City				22 59	90	10
Lafayette	15 01		208 84	107 66	15 01	
Greenville			68 08	78 21		
Free, Jersey City			12	18 22		
Third, Bayonne				10		
First, German Evangelical				10		
St. John's, German Evangelical				10		6
Park, Jersey City	13 49	4 49	107 90	26 13	8 90	
South Bergen			45			
Classes of Dakota.						
Centerville				10 21		
Vandenberg				7		
Wakarusa, Olive Leaf				22 10		
Bandham Memorial				37 50	3	2 30
Sioux Falls	3		11	14 30		
Scotland, Ebenezer				186		
Second, Lennox	2		25	13 20		
Dark, Bethel	7			9	2 50	2
Salmon	4	4		12 65		
Charles Mix	7 50		100 45	122 18		
First, Harrison	5	2	14 80	14 90		
Grand View			18 40	58 55		
Hope	8 30			40		
Immanuel			30	40	6	6
First, Lennox	6	6 50		16 95		
Delaware				97 09	101 04	
Orange City				11 07	16 07	
Yankton				17	32 55	
Van Rensselaer						
First Ref., Wormsloe City						
Classes of Grand River.						
Atwood			3 50	15		
Casperville			49 07	41 57		
Detroit			31 50	42		
Falmouth				2		
Freemont			23 11	25 19		
First, Grand Haven			245 46	79 16		
Second, Grand Rapids	29 12		297 92	48 17	10 80	2 50
Third, "	4 50	2	182 37	15	2	
Fourth, "	19 50	6 34	201 28	94 54	6	6
Fifth, "			118 48	10		
Oakdale Park			6 65	27 50		
Seventh, Grand Rapids	6 65		107 27	95 27		
Eighth, "			19 39	30 50		
Ninth, "	6	3 26	122 22	24	3 63	3 64
Grandville	5		43 80	30		
First, Kalamazoo	31 00		298 38	54 91		
Third, "			91 51	42 31		
Fourth, "	4 25		10	32		
Modderville				3 50		
First, Muskegon			294 04	38 45		
New Era	3 25		12 65	45 05		
Roboth				5		
South Haven				35		
Spring Lake	7 50		61 88	29 39	2 50	
Twin Lakes			14 10	39		
Vogel Center				2		
Howard Mission				7 75		

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Classis of Greene.						
First, Athens.....			\$161 50	\$63 10		
Second, ".....	\$1		2	1		
First, Catskill.....	15 85	\$7 98	594 01	509 84	\$20 32	\$39 98
First, Coxsackie.....	7	5 14	72 82	74 85	5	
Second, ".....	12 61	7 08	369	310 88	12 08	37 74
Kiskatom.....	12	8 88	66 50	77 79	8	4
Leeds.....	8	8	40 69	44 85		
Classis of Holland.						
Beaverdam.....	4 66	8	47 90	47 11	8 05	8 06
Second Cleveland.....			72 85	67 85		
Drenthe.....						
East Overisel.				8 63		
Ebenezer.....	2		22 55	30 22	1 75	1 75
Graafschap.....	10 50		41 50	37		
Hamilton.....	2 60		34 28	30 86		
First, Holland.....			84 78	83 18		20
Third, ".....	9 74		307 01	133 56		
Fourth, ".....				30 46		
First, Jamestown.....	6 30	5 51	72 68	83 99	5 56	5 86
Second, ".....	1 60		18 27	3 75	67	67
North Holland.....			159 78	83 94		
Overisel.....		18 16	524 06	162 11		
Saugatuck.....						
South Blendon.....			49 54	49 38		
Three Oaks.....				29		
Vriesland.....	19 15		278 24	145 50	8	9 18
Zeeland.....	20	20	1056 58	357 51	7 50	7 50
Lake Shore Mission.....				55 75		
Eggleston ".....				75		
Classis of Hudson.						
Claverack.....	14 28	6 75	232 24	123 80	9 74	
Gallatin.....		1 14	15 86	18 76	1 09	1 49
Germantown.....	18 57	14 78	69 69	106 31	10 76	2 72
Greenport.....	4 30	2 06	108 49	45 30		1 12
Hudson.....	33 49	12 08	321 07	353 05	24 92	19 85
Linlithgo.....	10		76	18 30	3 50	
Livingston.....			7 99	21 19		
Mellenville.....	1 50	2	80 22	53 51	3	3
Philmont.....	24 66	19 28	302 87	278 03	18 82	
Upper Red Hook.....	5 45	2 58	118 67	58 21	1 43	1 43
West Copake.....	15		32 11	27 56		
Classis of Illinois.						
Bethany.....			16 35	35		
Bethel.....			4 10			
Bethlehem.....			1 35			
Bushnell.....			10 16	9 35		
Ebenezer.....	10		35 21	19		
Fairview.....	11 51		87 16	48 28		10 68
Galesburg.....			8			
Havana.....						
Irving Park.....			171 50	118 46		12 03
Manito.....			42 41	12 60		
Northwestern.....			22 02	44 03		
Norwood Park.....		4 09	4 50	12 95	14 10	
Otley.....			5 20	6		
First, Pekin.....			11 75	10		
Second, ".....			17 45	20 46		
Second Pella.....	9 47	7 29	286 63	126 46	7 21	13 79
Raritan.....			50	35 82		
Spring Lake.....			16 21			
Trinity.....			71 53	92 07		
Bussy Mission.....				2 50		

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North Classis of Long Island. (CONTINUED.)						
Locust Valley.....			\$12 50	\$25 50		
College Point	\$51 63	\$11 97	161 94	101 68	\$16 65	\$20
First, Long Island City	2 50	1 63	53 13	24 92	8	8
Bushwick.....						
German Evang., Jamaica			26 36	10	3 12	4
Hicksville.....			5			
Second, Newtown, German.....			3	9		
Steinway.....			246 40	259 93		
Church of Jesus, Brooklyn.....			6	4		
New Hyde Park			6 22	1		
Sunnyside, L. I. City.....			16	12		
South Classis of Long Island.						
First, Brooklyn	70 39		708 46	569 12	17 05	20
Flatbush.....	247 02	19 65	1049 53	922 82	15	36 37
Grace Chapel.....			46	30		
New Utrecht.....	30 03		1140 77	599 56		
Gravesend.....	27 13	6 87	337 80	293 77		20
Flatlands.....	17 19	14 15	197 71	157 73	34 48	20
New Lots.....	20 66		248 24	136 46		20
East New York.....	11 55	4 50	147 63	97	8 75	1...
South Brooklyn.....	12		185	248 51	7	7
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	18 20	5 87	237 11	107 96	12 23	12 23
North			58 87	16 67		
On the Heights.....	108 35	27 08	1363 65	590 55	46 96	46 97
Bethany Chapel.....	25		90	75		
New Brooklyn.....	10	2	42	35	5	5
Second, Flatbush	2		5	8		
Canarsie.....	18 20	4	15	41	4	4
Bedford.....						
St. Thomas, W. I						
Ocean Hill.....						
Edgewood.....			75	10		
Ridgewood.....	7 10			13 50		
Greenwood Heights.....	4 39	3 40	6 10	46 33	3 81	4
Bay Ridge.....		9 85	11	50 11		
Classis of Michigan.						
Bethany, Grand Rapids.....			65	90 55		
Britton.....		1 50	3 50	19 08		
Centerville.....			20			
Constantine.....				2		
De Spelder.....			1 02	1 25		
Grace, Grand Rapids.....			8 25	4		
Second, Grand Haven.....	20 90		65 66	69 56	16 18	15 86
First, Grand Rapids.....			38 27	67 79		20
Hope, Holland.....	18 94			136 09	9 14	9 60
Second, Kalamazoo.....			121 19	120 69		
Macon.....			7 50	17 50		
Second, Muskegon.....			6 50	16 50		
South Bend.....	3 41	1 04	1 61	20 91	2 01	1 97
South Macon.....						
Classis of Monmouth.						
First, Freehold.....	3 12	5 12	86 25	37 11	5 05	4 90
Holmdel	10	6 60	153 69	128 49		20
Middletown.....	5 75	2	88 57	50 51	2	2
Second, Freehold.....	24 30	17 33	286 86	313 15	3 30	20

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Classis of Monmouth. (CONTINUED).						
Keyport.....			\$7	\$7		
Long Branch.....						
Colt's Neck.....	\$3 82	\$4 09	34 83	38 77	\$2	\$3
Highlands.....		3				
Asbury Park.....	10		36 75	35	10	20
Spotswood.....			31 16	16 58		
Classis of Montgomery.						
Amsterdam, First.....	25 40	12 70	95 38	97 29	14	14
" Trinity.....			31 05	28 35		
Aurlesville.....	6		17 35	20		
Cana Joharie.....	5 76	4 65	94 37	43 01	2 38	2 37
Cleora.....						
Columbia.....	2		6 40	4		
Cranesville.....						
Currytown.....	6 75	3	55 25	62 90	6	3
Ephratah.....			3			
Florida.....	6		9	27		10
Fonda.....	13	9 62	164 06	128 45	11 90	22
Fort Herkimer.....				2 38		
Fort Plain.....	39 52	4 27	120 16	100 24	20 36	25 17
Fultonville.....	31	1	140	145	21	20
Glen.....	8 63	3 75	14 70	15 05	4 68	2 93
Hagaman.....			18 79	9 50		
Herkimer.....	18 44	9 92	123 01	129 49	9 38	11 55
Johnstown.....	5 55	3 80	15 65	17 35		
Manheim.....						
Mapletown.....		1 64	5 04	3 87		
Mohawk.....	16	3	52 50	36 50	6	20
Nanmburg.....				51		
Owasco.....			12 65	18 31	5 34	
Owasco Outlet.....			10 52	33 27		
Point Rock.....						
St. Johnsville.....	7		32 39	45 84		
Sprakers.....	7 40	2 11	22 17	33 34	2 95	2 90
Stone Arabia.....	1 75	1	11	2 75	1 50	1
First, Syracuse.....	22 49		217 55	164 55		
Second, ".....	5 33	3 79	29 51	45 08	1 31	2 22
Thousand Islands.....			25 77	21	32 04	7 01
Utica.....	30 08	7 02	299 88	173 15		
West Leyden.....	4 00		30	37 25		1
Classis of Newark.						
Belleville.....	14 42	4 16	169 66	104 03	6 93	90
First, Newark.....			225	3		
Irvington.....	6	1 25	13 57	27 39	1 25	1 25
N. Y. Av., Newark.....			211 55	243		
Franklin.....	4 53	7 50	115 66	51 20	6 03	5 79
North Newark.....	50		7050 62	4477 32	95	95
West ".....	10			18		
Clinton Avenue, Newark.....	33 75	22 16	1151 65	961 57	32 46	26 18
Trinity, Newark.....	16		88 69	71 80	3 76	3 74
Linden.....			9 12	6 98		
Christ, Newark.....	8 56		42 50	23 90	10 56	
Stone House Plains.....			61 10	65 25		
East Orange.....		14 15	664 89	268 33	18 31	18 31
Trinity, Plainfield.....	67 02		364 84	317 08	5 44	5 44
German, ".....	1	1	5	16	1	1
Montclair Heights.....			19	19		

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Classis of N. Brunswick.						
First, New Brunswick.....	\$78 41	\$17 98	\$476 29	\$564 80	\$23 88	\$20
Six Mile Run.....	18 94	11 40	423 98	316 25	8 75	11 34
Hillsborough.....		4 25	164 19	121 79		20
Middlebush.....	7 87	2	70 77	152 54	8	6 26
Griggstown.....	1 81	1 82	88 82	83 86	1 68	1 47
Second, New Brunswick.....	30	23	780 20	505 86	25	25
Bound Brook.....			60 51	60 52	4 48	
Third, New Brunswick.....			29 05			
East Millstone.....	7 07		51 69	42 41		
Metuchen.....	11 73		211 95	93 18	16 89	8 56
Snydam St., N. Brunswick.....	7 88	4 25	823 69	172 24	5	
Highland Park.....	2 62		23 25	21 92	1 80	
Classis of New York.						
West End Collegiate.....						
Fifth Ave. ".....						
Marble ".....		174 97	8111 02	6110 58	386 91	125 65
Middle ".....	260 80					
University Heights, Collegiate.....						
No. Church Chapel ".....						
Thirty-fourth Street.....			159 25	212 25	25	
Knox Memorial Chapel.....	15	10	104 44	193 57	5	5
Vermilye Chapel.....						
Harlem Collegiate.....	183 55		1141 86	1147 89	103 43	148 94
South.....		87 25	1155 24	804 63	29 70	14 85
" Manor Chapel.....	8 95		85	57 25		
Staten Island.....	16 15	18 45	399 92	288 53	7 75	7 75
Bloomington.....			15	27	10	
Madison Avenue.....	15	25	4021 59	800 75	100	50
German Evangelical Mission.....	40	10	65	90	18	20
Huguenot.....		2	10	22	2	2
Mott Haven.....	3 28	88	186 70	98 94	1 46	1
Union, High Bridge.....	27 50	5 50	318 95	314 57	16 50	5 50
Fourth, German.....	20	7	186 67	98 56	7	7
Prospect Hill.....						
Avenue B, German.....	12	12	105	57	12	12
Brighton Heights.....	9 94	2 20	112 63	111 22	7 56	7 56
Union.....						
Norfolk Street, German.....	4	5	19	8	4	4
Kreischerville, St. Peter's.....						
Grace.....	2	2	141 40	62 78	2	2
Hamilton Grange.....	3 50	5 07	151 89	119 94	10	4 49
Church of the Comforter.....	4		17 53	20 52	1	1
Classis of Orange.						
Berea.....	4 10	2	15	26 20	5	
Bloomburgh.....	6	5	45 15	39 45	4	2
Callicoon.....			1	7		
Claraville.....				8		
Cuddebackville.....	1 50		24 65	12 25		
Deer Park.....	20 00	5	270	300 36	15	20
Ellenville.....	10 30	11 25	116 40	109 70	7 25	20
Falleburgh.....	10	7 75	80 60	48 02	7	5
Grahamsville.....			6 25	20 69		
Kerhonkson.....			1 50	1 50		
Mamakating.....			1			
Minnisink.....				12		
Montgomery.....	10 09	5 92	416 18	155 56	4 41	7 57
Newburgh.....	2 34	8 93	195 60	127 35	6 18	6 17
New Hurley.....	7 75		42 96	5 19		
New Prospect.....		4 60	108 68	135 34	7 28	7 56
Port Jervis, Second.....	2	3 35	8 58	6 38		

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Classis of Orange. (CONTINUED.)						
Shawangunk.....	\$11 77	\$6 63	\$16 64	\$33 30	\$3 83	\$393
Udenville.....			1 06	3 02		
Walden.....	11 28		198 38	194 54	8 43	6 43
Walkill.....	17 50	6 35	80 50	68 86	6 30	5 30
Wapack, Upper.....			2 60			
Wapack, Lower.....	3 98			19 37		
Warwarsing.....			5	5		
Classis of Paramus.						
Aquacknonck.....	26 37	7 98	1068 10	480 91	37 65	26 36
Catsville.....			87 15	27 15		
Clarkstown.....	3 69	4 45	45 29	37 67		14 27
Clifton.....			58 97	28 30		
Garfield.....						
Glen Rock.....				12 42		
Hasthorpe.....						
Lodi, First Holland.....	3		18	15	6	5
" Second.....	2	1	5 74	22 50		1
Nyack.....	23 72	28 13	585 49	869 77	25 19	36 91
Paramus.....	12 12		136 31	179 48		
Passaic.....			61 10	62 04		
Passaic, First Holland.....	14 35		23 65	55 15	7 50	7 50
" North.....			616 32	331 69		
Peterboro, Broadway.....	29 69		223 14	176 17	7 44	
" First, Holland.....	4 50		55	23	2	3
" North.....						
" Second.....	27 47	13 66	125 55	134 25	5 59	30
Piermont.....	11 45	3 50	112 48	132 01		
Ramapo.....	8 15		29 80	25 63		
Ramapo.....						
Redwood.....	22 09		115 26	117 95	9	6 30
Saddle River.....	7 50		9 80	14 50		
Spring Valley.....	8 64		174 40	62 40	8 62	8 36
Tappan.....	4 90		41 37	39 13	5 48	
Warwick.....	79 50		505 38	464 27	51 21	
West New Hempstead.....		4 66	36 69	26 89		
Wortendyke, Holland.....			5			
Classis of Passaic.						
Bernton.....	16 58		84 96	107 84		
Fairfield.....			122 98	41 41		
First, Little Falls.....	8 30		80 54	90 58		
Second.....			22 80	8 53		
Montville.....	8	2	105	31	4	
Sixth, Paterson, Holland.....	10		51 78	64 77	10	20
People's Park.....			30	17	6	
Possumton.....	21 54		182 23	205 27	9	6
" Plains.....	13	11 58	197 58	214 70	5	5
Ponds.....						
Prackness.....	6 31		48 47	67 88		
Paterson, Riverside.....	2 37	3 89	51 15	57 08	2 50	3 50
First, Totowa.....	17 27		247 35	102 07	6	6
Union Reformed.....	9 15	2	68	47	4 50	20
Wyckoff.....	7	5 83	89 90	69 55	6 78	7 54
Classis of Philadelphia.						
North and South Hampton.....	44 23	4 62	167 25	129 43	3	3
Harrington.....	5 60	4 31	58	85 15	7 40	8 70
Mechanic.....			157 65	142 24		
First, Philadelphia.....	38 16		219 30	233 69	5	35

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Classis of Philadelphia. (CONTINUED.)						
Second, Philadelphia.....	\$5 48	\$5 42	\$36 69	\$30 76	\$5 96	\$20
Fourth, ".....	90	5	95 56	8	5	5
Blawenburgh.....	.....	.....	79 87	82 66	.....	.....
Stanton.....	9 50	.....	16 72	20 47	.....	.....
Clover Hill.....	6	.....	12	7 50	3	2 65
Rocky Hill.....	.....	.....	72 08	56 70	.....	.....
Fifth, Philadelphia.....	25	.....	93 25	45	.....	.....
Addisville.....	4 85	4 56	108 15	14 20	5 53	5 70
Three Bridges.....	8 95	1 64	59 87	25 41	2 56	1 45
Talmage Memorial.....	11 81	.....	47 76	61 87	.....	.....
South, Philadelphia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Pleasant Prairie.						
Alexander.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aplington.....	.....	.....	4 92	4 92	.....	.....
Balleyville.....	16	.....	60	104	31	.....
Baker.....	3 64	.....	7 40	83 48	.....	.....
Bethel.....	.....	.....	2 61	1 73	.....	.....
Buffalo Center.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cromwell Center.....	3 41	.....	8 80	22 25	.....	.....
Ebenezer (Oregon).....	10	.....	52	71 50	12	10
Elim (White Rock).....	4 25	.....	6 20	24 79	.....	.....
Forreston.....	20	.....	49 14	40	.....	.....
Hope (George).....	5	.....	6 51	4 58	.....	3 10
Immanuel (Belmond).....	8 29	.....	52 09	78 51	.....	.....
Monroe, Iowa.....	8	1	46 45	141 16	2	2
" S. Dak.....	.....	.....	9 50	19 24	.....	.....
North, Sibley.....	4 11	.....	19 71	27 85	.....	4
Parkersburg.....	15	3 45	165 34	82 67	.....	.....
Peoria.....	6	.....	28 45	35 08	4 25	4
Ramsay.....	10	.....	10	22 68	.....	.....
Salem.....	.....	.....	4 88	29 40	.....	.....
Silver Creek.....	13 20	.....	187 42	172 41	1 09	20
South Little Rock.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	6	.....	16 50	52 25	6 25	.....
Zion.....	3 30	.....	10 15	30 25	3	3
Sibley Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	9 97	.....	.....
Everly Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....
Wellsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	6 26	.....	.....
Classis of Poughkeepsie.						
First, Poughkeepsie.....	24 18	.....	966 83	319 69	30 91	26 74
Second, ".....	32 35	.....	757 91	296 60	18	18
Fishkill.....	13 39	6 28	88 54	163 73	15 59	8 53
Hopewell.....	15 70	.....	72 76	88 85	18	.....
New Hackensack.....	8 86	2 30	127 11	127 87	8	4 70
Rhinebeck.....	13 91	.....	189 15	164 02	.....	.....
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	.....	.....	196 65	88 31	.....	.....
Hyde Park.....	40	.....	140 65	151 99	.....	.....
Glenham.....	.....	.....	15 37	5 87	.....	.....
Cold Spring.....	.....	.....	2 75	2 75	.....	.....
Millbrook.....	10 36	.....	218 89	92 59	12 63	.....
Classis of Raritan.						
First, Raritan.....	39 07	13 81	284 35	304 12	3 40	20
Readington	3 61	7 46	103 47	104 66	.....	.....
Bedminster.....	15 45	11 35	273 11	237 97	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	35 85	35 85
Rockaway.....	6 45	26 43	31 01
North Branch.....	11 24	3 29	183 99	167 39

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Classis of Raritan. (CONTINUED.)						
Second, Raritan.....	\$31 04	\$362 35	\$306 39	\$27 46	\$32 08
Pespect.....	5 25	33	54 25	21
South Branch.....	5	4	130 53	147 96	.....	.....
Third, Raritan.....	11 30	8 27	278 67	294 59	6 75	6 75
Pottersville.....	.....	.....	28 28	38 28	.....	.....
High Bridge.....	5	2 50	10	30	.....	.....
Annandale.....	2 50	2	53 59	80 11	.....	.....
Fourth, Raritan.....	1	1	10	17	2	2
Boycefield.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Rensselaer.						
Bath-on-Hudson.....	6	1	39 52	44 32	1	1
Blooming Grove.....	11 13	3 25	41 55	31 38	4 27	3 17
Castleton, Emmanuel.....	.....	.....	15	6	.....	.....
Chatham.....	15	8	351 82	73 83	15 02	15 01
First, Ghent.....	9 67	1	145 08	44 27	3 16	9
Second, ".....	4	1 30	38 64	24 64	.....	.....
Greenbush.....	.....	.....	68 05	93 16	.....	.....
Kinderhook.....	24 92	10	802 31	289 43	24 59	14 85
Nassau.....	4	2	91 59	31 79	1 30	1
New Concord.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Schodack.....	9 01	.....	68 01	24 80	.....	.....
" Landing.....	3 93	.....	72	27	2 40	.....
Stuyvesant.....	6 48	.....	99	76 75	1 76	1 76
" Falls.....	1 02	.....	15 47	3 34	2 51	.....
Classis of Rochester.						
Abbe.....	7	.....	117 55	20 41	.....	.....
Arcadia.....	.....	.....	14 60	37 45	.....	.....
Brighton.....	19 95	.....	69 20	114 39	.....	.....
1st Cleveland.....	3 40	.....	74 53	77 76	.....	.....
Clymer Hill.....	5 10	.....	93 43	33 46	5	.....
East Williamson.....	8 69	.....	140 75	24 54	5 80	.....
Farmer.....	.....	.....	96 21	99 85	2 13	.....
Lodi.....	3	3	75 72	64 86	5	5
Marion.....	7 06	.....	133 81	9 71	.....	.....
New York Mills.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Ontario.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....
Palmyra.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pulneyville.....	6 75	.....	38 87	61 92	.....	.....
First, Rochester.....	12 75	.....	314 28	23 97	.....	.....
Second, ".....	.....	.....	130 59	111 36	.....	.....
Tyre.....	.....	.....	76	27 65	1 75	.....
Classis of Saratoga.						
Boght.....	3 50	3 50	19 12	19 13	3	3
Buskirks.....	40 87	.....	35 99	51 69	13 90	5 25
Cohoes.....	10	10	274 19	203 14	6 46	6 46
Easton.....	.....	.....	1	5 11	.....	.....
Fort Miller.....	.....	.....	7	13	5	.....
Gansevoort.....	5	.....	14 50	5	.....	.....
Greenwich.....	31 69	.....	164 44	105 86	.....	.....
Northumberland.....	5	2	29 34	37 83	3	2
Saratoga.....	40	.....	89 03	138 39	17 11	20 05
Schaghticoke.....	16 50
West Troy, North.....	90 96	102 86	12 55
" " South.....	20	40
Wynantskill.....	8

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Classis of Schenectady.						
Altamont	\$2 50	\$4 60	\$23 20	\$13 40	\$2 65
Amity	6 69	11	15 50
Bellevue	6	25
Glenville, First.....	.....	.....	48 11	35 56	.....	.....
" Second.....	.....	.....	85 69	26 50	.....	.....
Helderberg.....	4 50	6 89	23 30	10 79	1 10	.....
Lisha's Kill.....	2	.....	23 01	34 19	3 75	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	.....	6 39	9 25	9	.....	.....
Niskayuna.....	25	5	247 75	145 50	5	5
Princeton.....	.....	.....	124 50	28 10	.....	.....
Rotterdam, First.....	.....	.....	78 41	22 52	.....	.....
" Second.....	.....	.....	23 63	18 52	.....	.....
Schenectady, First.....	22 13	.....	372 55	316 62	12 78	12 7
" Second.....	.....	.....	72 38	183 19	.....	.....
Prospect Hill Chapel.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schoharie.						
Beaverdam.....	2	2 15	9 10	9 10	2 45	1 8
Berne.....	9	4 35	47 14	101 18	8 70	6 4
Breakabeen.....	1 25	.....	12 79	13 16	1	5
Central Bridge.....	.....	.....	15 08	13 75	.....	.....
Cobleskill.....	.....	.....	10	1 65	1 50	.....
Eminence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallupville.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....	.....	36 75	17 05	.....	.....
Howe's Cave.....	.....	.....	14 25	14 25	.....	.....
Lawyersville.....	.....	.....	28	15	.....	.....
Middleburgh.....	6	4 42	69 50	22 99	.....	.....
Moresville.....	.....	7 75	13 50	17 40	2 66	2 6
North Blenheim.....	80	.....	7 81	14 90	1	5
Prattsville.....	6 15	2 12	9 71	15 57	2 85	2 3
Schoharie.....	7 57	7 09	53 11	56 20	7 39	10 3
Sharon.....	2 63	.....	6	3 75	.....	.....
South Gilboa.....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....
Classis of Ulster.						
Blue Mountain.....	1 35	.....	16 34	3 75	2	2
Church of the Comforter.....	7	4 25	61 48	65 34	3 16	6 6
Esopus.....	6	.....	33 32	24 18	5 50	5
Flatbush.....	4 50	.....	68 42	60 68	.....	.....
Jay Gould Memorial.....	57 32	10	80 51	626 69	37 32	20
Katsbaan.....	10 50	8	263 81	37	13 50	7
1st Kingston.....	.....	.....	508 88	200 50	25	.....
Port Ewen.....	5 53	3 83	62 85	66 34	4	3 1
Plattekill.....	.....	.....	50 04	11 85	.....	.....
Saugerties.....	3 92	.....	125 59	50 14	.....	.....
Shandaken.....	.....	.....	7 50	7	.....	.....
Shokan.....	.....	.....	.....	6 76	.....	.....
Stewartville.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
West Hurley.....	.....	.....	8	7	.....	.....
Woodstock.....	4 11	.....	13 12	8 64	.....	.....
Classis of Westchester.						
Belmont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bronxville.....	13 18	12 33	73 69	116 12	5 40	5 3
Cortlandtown.....	.....	.....	5 50	6 36	.....	.....
Fordham.....	.....	2 45	293 87	162 02	21 99	.....
Greenburgh.....	.....	.....	.....	11 39	.....	.....
Greenville.....	8 71	4 30	37 76	17 41	6 24	5 9
Hastings.....	.....	.....	10 63	15	.....	.....
Melrose.....	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
Classis of Westchester. (CONTINUED.)						
Mount Vernon	20 23	10 84	349 52	143 28	.....	.....
Park Hill	17 89	.....	129 32	65	.....	.....
Peekskill .....	.....	.....	17	54 50	.....	.....
Tarrytown, First	46	.....	325 40	267 65	20	63
" Second	9	.....	131 45	85 81	6 41	6 41
Unionville	5	1 20	18 03	21 20	3	2
West Farms	2 20	.....	.....	6 01	2 29	.....
Yonkers	7 20	.....	150 60	57 12	10 04	10 72
Classis of Wisconsin.						
Alto	20 30	.....	337 05	119 53	.....	15 37
Bethany	14 26	.....	113 89	62 47	.....	.....
Cedar Grove	24 66	.....	283 63	175 04	7 40	6 95
First, Chicago .....	.....	.....	147 75	10	.....	.....
Danforth	5	.....	50 53	34 19	.....	.....
De Motte .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer	5 10	.....	.....	5 29	.....	.....
Englewood	18	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Franklin .....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
Fulton	15 32	7 50	155 46	110 10	9 25	9 25
Gano .....	.....	.....	36 46	52 41	.....	.....
Gibbsville	12 06	.....	332 10	28 75	.....	.....
Greenbush .....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Greenleafton	8 10	.....	116 16	49 20	7 07	7 07
Hingham .....	.....	.....	14 05	18	.....	.....
Hope .....	.....	.....	36 25	16 90	.....	.....
Kenosha .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Koster .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette .....	.....	.....	12	30 15	.....	.....
Lansing .....	.....	.....	35 80	48 22	.....	.....
Second, Milwaukee .....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....
Milwaukee	23 10	.....	374 31	125 75	12	8 64
Morrison .....	.....	.....	9 90	.....	.....	.....
Oostburg .....	.....	.....	33 53	49	.....	8
First, Roseland	26 58	.....	316 01	55 77	.....	20
Randolph Center .....	.....	.....	.....	15 50	.....	.....
Sheboygan Falls	17	17
South Holland	10	19 18	206	106	10	20
Waupun	65 45	48 75

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ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLIC MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL TABLES.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion have had placed in their hands the Reports of the four Particular Synods which they have examined with much care and great pleasure.

They present records of faithful work and faithful

effort in many directions, and are deeply interesting, for they are all permeated with the spirit of consecration and fidelity.

The number of churches reported is 633, the number of ministers 683. There have been received on confession of faith 5,039, and by certificate 2,818, making the present membership, after all deductions from death, dismissions and revision of rolls 110,273, showing a gain over last year of 2,213.

The Sunday-school enrollment has risen to 123,667, an advance during the twelve months of nearly 3,000.

Contributions to Denominational Objects amount to \$227,860, being \$22,971 over last year.

Other Objects have received \$103,857, an increase of \$2,952.

Congregational expenditures are \$1,005,876, a sum of \$32,445 below 1897.

The report of the Particular Synod of Albany states that while the year has been in no wise an extraordinary one, there is abundant proof that God's presence has been given His Church.

There are many reasons for devout gratitude, some reasons also for self-examination and repentance and every encouragement to hopefulness and renewed effort.

It is also noted that revisions have cost the rolls more than five hundred members, making the church membership forty-seven less than last year.

This is a striking instance of the effect of wholesale revision.

It makes havoc of the returns of the work for the year.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick reports the undeniable proof of the presence of Our Risen Lord by the

Holy Spirit among the churches, affording much comfort and encouragement, so as to inspire us not only to patient continuance in well doing, but also to undertake greater things in His name.

The Particular Synod of Chicago reports on the whole marked progress, presenting in many departments a cheering outlook for our denomination.

While the number received on Confession is less than last year, there has been a notable increase in the number of Sunday-school scholars, and also a large advance in contributions for denominational objects.

The Particular Synod of New York reports that while the condition of the churches continues to be hopeful there has been no special, decided, forward movement during the year.

The accessions to the membership show a gain of 1,014, making the now total 37,052.

There is an increase in contributions for denominational objects of nearly \$2,000.

While the accessions by faith in the several Synods have not been equal to those of some previous years, your Committee note that splendid work has been done throughout the entire Church, that will in the near future disclose rich results.

Where there is so much that is excellent it seems almost invidious to discriminate.

But your Committee have been profoundly impressed by the report of the Synod of Chicago.

Much of their work is of course carried forward under difficult and trying circumstances and yet its returns are such as to call for high commendation from the Church upon those dear brethren of the West who are doing so valiantly for the Master, and the reports from the

Foreign Field read like new chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.

They reveal bravery and endurance and enthusiasm at the front that is inspiring and magnificent.

They show us that the glorious gospel of the blessed God is now and ever the power of God unto salvation.

In many of the churches Women's Missionary Societies have accomplished noble work, not only in arousing and fostering a missionary spirit, but in collecting funds for missions, that in the aggregate constitute a large proportion of the gifts of the denomination in this direction.

It also deserves to be noted that in catechetical classes and in Sunday-schools there has been intelligent, earnest, and faithful effort to instruct the youth in holy things.

As most of the accessions to the Church are from the young, and as they will constitute the Church of the future, this nurture and training is of the utmost importance.

Constant mention is also made of the activity and efficiency of Christian Endeavor Societies in promoting every good word and work.

Both the Senior and Junior organizations are acknowledged by a host of pastors as affording them great aid and encouragement.

It is highly gratifying that from every quarter come statements of peace and harmony; brethren dwelling together in the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace.

And through all these reports breathes the longing and yearning for the presence of the Holy Ghost.

This is the earnest of blessing. To mourn the

absence of the Spirit is of itself evidence of the beginning of His coming in us and in the church.

The review of the year affords occasion for praise and adoration to our God, whose we are and whom we serve, and grand incentives and inspirations to deeper consecration to the service of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. FRITTS,

Ex-Officio.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C O A S S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Com- municants.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Beneficial.		Congregational.			
															Denomina- tional Objects.			Other Objects.		
First, Albany.	Edward P. Johnson.	398	11	15	10	4	712	9	1	1	441	\$1,779	90	\$3,290	26	\$10,279	56	Albany, N. Y.		
Madison Avenue	Edward G. Selden.	802	22	31	7	10	531	6	10	1	567	8,001	51	2,133	64	9,455	16	Albany, N. Y.		
Third, Albany	Robert I. McBride.	100	7	4	20	5	146	1	9	1	270	45	00	2,184	00	Albany, N. Y.				
Fourth, Albany.	Henry Miller.	95	26	1	1	2	134	0	0	0	9	05	00	7	00	1,732	55	Albany, N. Y.		
Holland, Albany	J. Van Wertenber.	71	10	3	5	2	143	10	1	1	49	145	00	105	65	1,397	94	Albany, N. Y.		
Sixth, Albany	Geo. W. Furbeck.	109	9	11	0	15	15	0	1	1	182	182	00	43	00	0	00	Albany, N. Y.		
First, Bethlehem	Wm. H. Nashols.	109	9	11	0	15	15	0	1	1	182	182	00	43	00	0	00	Beckers Corners, N. Y.		
Second, Bethlehem.	J. L. Pearce, S. C.	100	2	5	8	4	236	6	1	70	178	192	06	40	00	1,150	00	Delmar, N. Y.		
Second, Berne.	Henry Lockwood.	75	28	3	8	2	84	17	0	0	123	123	00	15	86	885	02	Knox, N. Y.		
Knox.	H. Van Haagen, S. S.	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	00	8	29	490	00	Knox, N. Y.		
Croayville.	C. W. Burrows.	109	9	11	0	15	15	0	1	1	182	182	00	43	00	0	00	New Salem, N. Y.		
Jerusalem.	T. A. Beckman.	86	2	2	4	3	184	3	1	15	78	284	16	8	00	1,145	63	Croayville, N. Y.		
New Salem.	H. Van Haagen, S. S.	90	0	0	1	0	155	0	0	0	103	114	19	80	78	750	92	Jerusalem, N. Y.		
Queensbury	Vacant.	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	00	14	60	388	99	New Salem, N. Y.		
New Baltimore.	J. O. Van Fleet, P. R.	94	0	0	0	0	174	1	0	0	94	94	00	8	44	150	00	Clarksville, N. Y.		
Union.	T. A. Beckman, S. S.	84	0	0	0	0	74	1	0	0	40	106	74	58	19	2,147	45	New Baltimore, N. Y.		
Westerlo.	Vacant.	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	13	81	1	78	816	70	Jerusalem, N. Y.		
Westerlo.	Vacant.	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	13	81	1	78	821	00	Westerlo, N. Y.		
Total.		1874	119	66	55	47	3225	67	36	54	197	23	2355	\$10,938	04	\$4,636	32	\$34,805	66	

† Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; J. A. B. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; C. P. Evans, Albany, N. Y.; J. E. Enders, Synodical Superin-
tendent of P. S. A., Fort Hunter, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Number of Families.	On Confession	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.		Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Devotional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First Hackensack.....	Herman Vanderwardt.....	9205	25	13	12	...	...	52500	15	9	300	280	1	1	500	\$1,550 00	\$ 402 00	\$ 4,766 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schmalenburgh.....	Geo. H. Condon.....	103	10	4	9	...	...	2148	6	6	...	...	...	...	200	360 83	125 00	1,968 83	Schmalenburgh, "
English Neighborhood.....	Marcus J. Roop.....	80	1	2	9	...	...	68	1	...	10	25	1	1	100	143 22	100 00	1,275 19	Edgerfield, "
New Durham.....	Isaac W. Gowen.....	273	42	12	6	...	...	8589	59	8	895	...	...	4	1680	1,600 00	285 00	6,363 25	Westwicken, "
First Hoboken.....	Conrad Ruhn.....	60	21	15	1	...	...	119	6	2	...	...	...	...	300	90 51	...	940 82	Hoboken, "
North Bergen.....	John Justin.....	70	6	23	...	...	...	192	15	2	...	...	...	...	470	179 00	64 00	1,570 60	Hoboken, "
Second Hackensack.....	Arthur Johnston.....	910	80	23	...	...	...	413	7	...	...	...	...	...	300	1,118 97	1,285 75	6,070 18	Hackensack, "
German Fv., Hoboken.....	John Radolph.....	860	66	...	...	...	...	580	900	...	...	...	...	...	740	1,162 76	263 75	6,000 00	848 Garden St., Hoboken, N. J.
Third Hackensack.....	John Ruhn.....	60	6	...	...	...	...	66	27	...	...	...	...	...	110	134 35	5 00	1,000 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Chlorier.....	Henry Ward (s. 6).....	70	4	...	...	...	...	131	1	1	35	90	...	...	150	228 83	43 85	1,323 03	Fort Lee, "
Fallside.....	Artemas Dean.....	60	7	1	1	...	...	53	7	...	69	...	...	...	180	143 58	70 00	404 00	Passaic, "
Guttenberg.....	Wm. Maurice (s. 6).....	84	...	...	...	...	...	238	15	1	...	125	...	...	550	143 00	40 00	3,463 00	59 Bowers St., Jersey City, N. J.
Central At. Jersey City.....	Chas. S. Wright.....	130	17	...	...	...	...	103	...	...	...	76	...	...	164	157 03	13 34	1,443 93	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Cherry Hill.....	Abram Duryee.....	68	6	10	6	...	...	30	2	...	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	180 00	Secaucus, N. J.
Secaucus.....	D. M. Talmage.....	72	18	8	3	...	...	109	4	8	48	...	...	...	350	250 07	31 86	253 62	Maywood, "
Spring Valley.....	John T. E. DeWitt.....	70	2	3	1	...	...	81	3	...	38	125	...	...	203	287 77	13 68	1,880 93	Westwood, "
Westwood.....	Chas. I. Shepard.....	68	5	2	2	...	...	17	...	...	...	50	30	1	108	11 00	...	1,885 74	Oradell, "
Hasbrouck Heights.....																		1,553 10	Hasbrouck Heights, "
Total.....		1915200	104	66	...	...	...	503413	456	34	750	1519	34	6873	60,268 36	\$3,779 95	\$ 42,586 70		

• Revised List.

Other Ministers.—James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan; Charles L. Clist, Closter, N. J.
 Candidates.—Erl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			On Certificate.	On Certificate.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non Communicants.	Number of Gate-churchmen.	No of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects	Benevolent.
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	254	15	20	11	4	648	22	3	800	400	8	748	\$1,000 00	\$ 900 00	\$ 900 00	508 Bergen Ave., Jersey City	
First, Bayonne.....	Charles H. Jones.....	286	30	20	10	8	668	11	3	...	...	2	866	1,458 25	1,944 65	4,080 84	768 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne Street.....	Rob't K. Wick, (S. C.)...	92	6	4	9	8	148	1	...	...	...	1	208	900 00	550 00	4,164 00	111 Wayne St., Jersey City
Park, Jersey City.....	Paul D. VanGiesel.....	200	18	14	23	4	546	19	4	100	71	1	289	171 00	46 10	8,276 84	288 Barrow St., Jersey City	
Bergen Point.....	Francis Morgan.....	74	1	3	3	1	115	...	...	...	...	1	188	359 21	...	...	281 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City
Second, Hudson City ..	Asbury E. Krum.....	260	13	8	2	7	498	73	18	163	64	1	640	109 77	290 80	2,018 64	14 Tourrette House Bayonne	
Lafayette.....	Enoll A. Henry.....	130	10	2	1	2	150	10	6	72	160	1	360	440 92	60 52	4,069 48	288 Sherman Pl., Jersey City	
Greenville.....	Thos. J. Kommer.....	200	6	12	13	8	942	8	...	...	...	1	416	108 56	64 18	3,275 90	288 Pacific Ave., Jersey City
Free, Jersey City	Thos. J. Allen.....	76	7	3	...	2	126	11	...	46	50	1	190	38 32	10 64	1,511 37	33 Columbia Pl., Jersey City	
Third, Bayonne.....	Georg C. Uesler.....	63	4	...	4	1	100	20	...	20	6	1	140	...	...	790 00	36 W. 21st St., Bayonne
First, Ger Evangelical.	Hilbert L. Franzen.....	157	53	...	13	5	855	30	...	65	125	1	387	...	40 00	2,375 00	388 Montgommery St., J. City	
St. John's, Ger. Evg....	John Heiniger.....	92	15	...	8	5	214	75	5	160	180	3	360	...	190 00	1,700 00	48 Fairview Ave., Jersey City	
	Gottlieb Andraes.....	900	168	94	97	45	857	980	39	818	1246	17	4722	\$4,948 88	\$2,530 91	\$26,486 74		
	Total.....																	

* Pastor Emeritus.

† Last year's report.

‡ Revised Roll.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Assistant Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, 25 E. 2nd Street, New York City; W. D. Great, Gottengen, Germany.

CLASSIS OF DAKOTA.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Certificate.	Disseminated.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total Baptized.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benefvolent.		
														Denominational.		Other Objects.
Charles Mix.	Bernard Molane.	15	..	..	..	..	31	16	..	40	49	35	27 75	..	\$ 133 00	Platte, S. D.
Darby.	Ernest F. Koehn.	31	..	..	..	..	29	3	..	90	100	120	18 05	..	148 94	Davis, S. D.
Grand View.	Classical Missionary.	33	17	11	..	..	48	3	..	75	100	100	99 00	..	115 06	Armour, S. D.
Harrison.	A. C. Agter.	90	0	4	1	187	187	35	..	90	104	104	339 17	\$ 55 50	775 00	Harrison, S. D.
Hope.	K. J. Dyck.	95	0	4	..	..	48	4	..	58	104	104	183 37	..	400 15	Verfield, S. D.
Immanuel.	Classical Missionary.	25	..	..	..	..	48	4	..	40	100	100	104 00	15 00	100 00	Wanari, S. D.
First, Lenoir.	J. H. Haken.	51	15	..	..	..	47	10	..	11	132	132	104 00	..	693 00	Lenoir, S. D.
Delaware.	E. F. Koehn.	40	..	..	..	..	41	10	..	30	100	100	107 50	60 00	555 00	Lenoir, S. D.
Orange City.	James Sverenberg.	37	..	..	..	..	38	8	..	75	113	113	17 50	1 00	287 10	Davis, S. D.
Salmon.	W. F. Barney.	35	14	..	..	..	37	9	..	15	100	100	24 00	80 00	1,718 00	Orange City, Iowa.
Sanitum Memorial.	Classical Missionary.	13	..	..	..	..	39	4	..	7	90	90	14 25	1 00	350 00	Salem, S. D.
Scotland, Ebenezer.	C. F. Dewitz.	13	..	..	..	..	37	4	..	7	90	90	16 80	6 50	88 00	Moorock, S. D.
Sioux Falls.	Lucius Kingsbury.	25	..	..	..	..	33	4	..	11	130	130	33 30	10 00	300 80	Sioux Falls, S. D.
Yankton Berg.	Classical Missionary.	16	..	..	..	..	17	3	..	15	150	150	5 50	..	..	Wakonda, S. D.
Yankton.	C. F. Dewitz.	32	..	..	..	..	48	6	..	6	55	55	27 14	..	131 75	Yankton, S. D.
Van Raaie.	Classical Missionary.	15	..	..	..	..	20	1	..	38	45	45	..	..	183 00	Thble, S. D.
First Ref., Wormsloe City.	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.		576	83	39	31	18	854	1,038	370	19	1,597	1,597	\$1,009 56	\$359 00	\$4,138 05	

Other Ministers.—Henry Teichrieb, Pasadena, California; Stephen J. Harnelling, Classical Missionary and Stated Clerk, Marion Junction, South Dakota.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAPT.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Number of Families.		On Confession.		On Certificate.		Total Now in Com.		Total in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.		Total Enrollment.	Denominational		Other Objects.	Beneficial.	Congregational.
		Rec'd.	Discontinued.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.																
Alwood.	William Pool.	40	10	6	1	1	1	63	6	146	30	146	30	70	\$ 95 31	\$ 5 60			\$ 307 00	Atwood, Antrim Co., Mich.		
Coopersville.	William H. Bruins.	50	8	1	1	1	1	90	9	180	30	180	30	125	82 23	131 00			870 00	Coopersville.		
Detroit.	John Kremer.	54	4	4	4	4	4	116	55	216	55	216	55	90	73 43	131 00			791 88	300 Calverline St., Detroit.		
Falmouth.	S. Venema.	10	4	1	1	1	1	16	3	36	8	36	8	10	9 00				43 80	Falmouth, Missaukee Co.		
Premont.	John Huickje.	50	6	4	7	7	7	66	8	135	40	135	40	63	53 96	53 45			358 00	Premont, Newaygo Co.		
First, Grand Haven.	T. W. Mollenburg, S. C.	300	8	13	14	14	14	273	64	734	240	734	240	450	331 00	334 00			3,164 02	123 Ransom St., G. Rap.		
Second, Grand Haven.	D. J. De Bey.	182	6	9	7	7	7	473	8	778	152	778	152	330	654 53	664 64			2,360 00	76 S. East St., G. Rap.		
Third.	Adrian Kerkhof.	235	10	6	3	3	3	375	35	445	190	445	190	430	294 00	670 00			2,113 35	323 N. Ionia St., G. Rap.		
Fourth.	J. W. Warnhuis.	235	20	7	13	13	13	375	45	445	190	445	190	436	323 00	434 67			2,714 83	85 Church St., G. Rap.		
Fifth.	A. Baarsma.	248	14	7	14	14	14	399	83	570	230	570	230	436	323 00	430 00			1,847 00	85 Oakdale Park, G. Rap.		
Oakdale Park.	Vacant.	160	10	18	11	11	11	300	10	390	170	390	170	315	260 00	73 00			1,890 00	364 W. Leonard St., G. R.		
Seventh, Grand Rapids.	Peter Ijzerman.	57	10	10	10	10	10	98	15	180	100	180	100	135	49 66	15 75			73 30	South Grand Rapids.		
Eighth.	J. W. To Winkel.	68	9	13	9	9	9	123	15	180	115	180	115	130	163 36	35 65			1,070 45	Cor. Delaney & Watson Sts.		
Ninth.	D. Brook.	60	5	4	4	4	4	123	7	173	73	173	73	110	104 80				638 00	Grandville, Mich.		
First, Kalamazoo.	E. W. Stapelkamp.	237	9	3	9	9	9	433	15	490	213	490	213	417	456 70	148 00			2,498 00	Kalamazoo.		
Second, Kalamazoo.	P. Rutgers.	237	9	3	9	9	9	433	15	490	213	490	213	417	456 70	148 00			2,498 00	Kalamazoo.		
Third.	John Latta.	66	13	3	9	9	9	116	9	200	70	200	70	135	149 50	31 43			2,070 00	Kalamazoo.		
Fourth.	S. Venema.	66	13	3	9	9	9	116	9	200	70	200	70	135	149 50	31 43			2,070 00	Kalamazoo.		
Modderville.	S. Venema.	66	13	3	9	9	9	116	9	200	70	200	70	135	149 50	31 43			2,070 00	Kalamazoo.		
First, Muskegon.	J. J. Van Zanten.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
New Era.	Herman Van der Ploeg.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
Roboeth.	P. Rutgers.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
South Haven.	Vacant.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
Spring Lake.	Classical Missionary.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
Twin Lakes.	Classical Missionary.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
Vogel Center.	S. Venema.	215	1	4	8	8	8	307	28	603	300	603	300	400	449 00	533 00			1,633 00	1069 1/2 St., Muskegon, Mich.		
Total.		3491	131	1164	130	116	116	44113	3644	87030	35036	87030	35036	45000	\$4,313 70	\$3,895 96			\$98,689 27			

* Revised List

† Last Year's Report.

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. A. L. John, Classical Missionary, Holland, Mich.; Rev. R. Dulker, Emeritus, Gibberville, Wm.; Rev. A. Oitmanns, Soga, Japan; Rev. P. J. Zwemer, Muscat, Arabia; Rev. Adrian Zwemer, Holland, Mich.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Children.	No. of S Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Reverent.		
																Infants.	Adults.	
															Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Athens	W N P Dalley	150	18	8	1	1	2	188	9	98	100	2	106	\$ 254 00	\$21 00	\$2,638 00	Athens, N. Y.	
Second, Athens	C M Perlee, S S	18	15	15	3	3	6	450	7	10	100	8	980	1,283 00	75 00	137 00	Leeds, N. Y.	
First, Catskill	W H S Demarest	200	17	13	9	9	1249	1249	9	60	75	3	141	233 00	75 00	2,900 00	Catskill, N. Y.	
First, Coxsackie	Eugene Hill	138	10	3	6	6	5	303	9	40	20	2	220	231 00	63 00	1,533 00	West Coxsackie, N. Y.	
Second, Coxsackie	F S Barnum, S C	140	1	2	3	3	4	183	8	75	20	2	90	188 00	6 00	2,035 00	Coxsackie, N. Y.	
First, Catskill	Wm. Davis Ward	72	8	3	3	3	138	138	8	85	30	2	90	190 00	6 00	1,453 00	Elkatom, N. Y.	
Second, Catskill	C M Perlee	70	1	3	3	1	138	138	8	85	30	2	90	190 00	6 00	1,192 00	Leeds, N. Y.	
Total	Total	700	53	30	33	1	19	1563	30	22	218	250	13	349	\$3,003 00	\$140 00	\$12,581 00	

* One Union School.

† Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Andrew Parsons, Catskill, N. Y.; Walter Wisniet, Tappan, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.		BAPT.					Total now in Comm.			Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Object.	Other Object.	Beneficent.	Congregational.	
		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total number.	Infants.	Adults.										
Beauregard.	W. G. Bais.	47	2	4	1	0	80	7	1	167	80	1	100	\$ 135 40	\$ 12 80	\$ 537 35	Beauregard, Mich.		
Second, Cleveland.	G. H. Hoopers.	42	5	2	2	1	101	1	1	190	68	1	120	135 80	123 07	1,077 67	94 Colgate St., Cleveland, O.		
Drehtie.	Vacant.	40	2	2	1	0	65	1	1	68	50	1	70	85 90	31 91	255 40	Oakland, Mich.		
East Overisel.	W. Wolvius.	51	2	2	2	4	97	9	1	180	70	1	68	71 15	13 00	555 94	Holland, Mich.		
Kneseat.	Jno. Van der Meulen.	65	15	2	5	7	110	14	1	170	125	1	150	99 50	20 14	601 40	Graafschap, Mich.		
Graafschap.	Jacob Van der Meulen.	52	2	2	2	5	144	14	1	187	94	1	99	115 09	20 14	542 93	Hamilton, Mich.		
Hamilton.	H. K. Boer.	178	21	9	1	2	289	16	1	290	940	1	298	164 16	107 25	2,070 40	Holland, Mich.		
First, Holland.	J. Van Houie.	117	9	12	4	4	284	25	1	825	210	1	875	715 09	187 15	2,535 18	Holland, Mich.		
Third, Holland.	G. H. Dubbank.	25	4	4	1	4	153	14	2	284	154	1	175	323 01	323 01	1,084 63	Forest Grove, Mich.		
Fourth, Holland.	Vacant.	20	2	2	1	1	50	10	1	106	55	1	60	323 01	323 01	2,049 00	Jamestown, Mich.		
First, Jamestown.	B. W. Lammer.	20	2	2	1	1	50	10	1	106	55	1	60	323 01	323 01	2,049 00	New Holland, Mich.		
Second, Jamestown.	E. S. Schlaf.	183	9	1	16	2	427	10	1	471	234	1	292	849 46	42 31	2,800 69	Overisel, Mich.		
North Holland.	A. Stigeman.	153	14	5	1	7	402	50	4	290	238	1	400	849 46	42 31	2,800 69	Overisel, Mich.		
Overisel.	A. Vandenbergh.	52	2	2	2	3	98	6	1	175	00	1	120	109 46	29 63	465 25	Parow, Mich.		
South Blendon.	D. Scholten.	30	1	1	1	4	42	3	1	97	85	1	160	295 00	992 00	1,235 00	Three Oaks, Mich.		
Three Oaks.	Harks Frieling.	73	5	1	5	1	143	3	1	200	110	1	160	295 00	992 00	1,235 00	Vriesland, Mich.		
Vriesland.	G. De Jonge.	300	13	11	7	7	416	20	4	700	250	1	460	2,671 00	992 00	2,405 00	Zeeland, Mich.		
Zeeland.	J. I' De Jonge.	1374	105	77	71	0	3544	167	4	3831	2256	15	2970	\$5,092 30	\$1,000 53	\$10,108 57			
Total.		1374	105	77	71	0	3544	167	4	3831	2256	15	2970	\$5,092 30	\$1,000 53	\$10,108 57			

Other Ministers.—Rev. G. J. Nykerk, Emeritus, Overisel, Mich.; Rev. Albertus Pieter, Missionary, Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. Jacob Poppa, Ft. D., Holland, Mich.

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CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		G.C. & S.B.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.	Total new in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communi- cants.	Number of Cafe- chisms.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Desolating Objects.	Beneficent.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First Claverack.....	George H. Burrill.....	110	9	8	1	2	4	350	4	2	298					\$ 401 42	\$ 104 09	\$ 1,411 30	Claverack, Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin.....	Benjamin A. Bartholf.....	108	8	5	1	1	8	148	6	1	60					310 70	31 35	683 41	Mt. Rosa, Dutchess Co., "
Germanstown.....	Charles P. Dyke.....	114	5	4	1	1	3	178	3	2	312					1,530 90	5 70	1,500 00	Germanstown, Col. Co., "
Greenport.....	Charles E. Corwin.....	108	4	3	1	1	1	155	18	2	135					1,388 00	93 00	1,195 70	Greendale, "
Hudson.....	Charles Park.....	1270	4	4	1	1	4	417	1	2	238					1,468 00	30 00	8,311 00	Hudson, "
Livingston.....	Jonah W. Vaughan.....	71	2	2	1	1	2	178	1	1	135					27 13	7 44	92,135 00	Livingston, "
Livingston at Linlithgo.....	David F. Williams.....	100	10	2	1	1	4	201	1	5	301					180 21	4 00	731 58	Linlithgo, "
Mellenville.....	David M. Hunter.....	118	7	4	1	1	3	246	2	1	161					709 14	130 31	1,444 50	Mellenville, "
Philmont.....	Francis V. Van Vranken.....	80	1	1	1	1	2	133	8	1	70					180 00	130 14	2,261 00	Philmont, "
Upper Red Hook.....	George D. Lydecker.....	94	14	7	1	1	1	111	10	8	146					180 07	.....	11,100 00	Upper Red Hook, Dutch Co., "
West Copake.....	William E. Compton.....	94	14	7	1	1	1	111	10	8	146					180 07	.....	11,100 47	West Copake, "
Total.....	Total.....	1180	56	25	153	8	28	1038	43	23	1855					\$ 4,530 00	\$ 1,843 98	\$ 16,925 00	

‡ Three are Union Schools. § \$900 for church repairs. † \$900 for Parsonage Fund. * Barbed List. † Families by Report of 1896.

Other Ministers.—E. T. Corwin, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Frederick K. Schlei, 304 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, Md.; Mortimer Smith, Sangerite, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bethany.....	Classical Missionary.....	80	9	4	4	4	26	26	3	1	106	106	25	1	25	\$ 47 85	\$ 43 71	\$ 87 70	Pella, Iowa.			
Bethel.....	Classical Missionary.....	97	4	4	4	4	30	30	3	1	130	130	1	1	130	7 48	6 59	324 74	Pella, Iowa.			
Bethlehem.....	Wm. Alcorn.....	19	9	1	1	1	30	30	3	1	68	68	30	1	30	5 35	4 57	45 67	Bushnell, Ill.			
Bushnell.....	Wm. Alcorn.....	40	10	1	1	1	42	42	1	2	100	100	100	1	100	19 30	11 51	130 57	Leighton, Iowa.			
Buena Vista.....	Gerrit Tyce.....	113	2	2	2	2	148	148	5	1	171	171	108	1	108	71 08	6 29	1,233 51	Fairview, Ill.			
Fairview.....	J. L. Talbot, S. S.....	231	0	1	1	1	64	64	4	3	68	68	44	1	44	232 91	8 29	1,233 51	Fairview, Ill.			
Galesburg.....	F. Kloogier.....	72	4	4	4	4	34	34	4	3	100	100	100	1	100	15 31	13 51	249 00	Galesburg, Iowa.			
Havana.....	George W. Scarlett.....	121	6	13	13	4	94	94	4	2	66	66	80	1	80	683 06	246 51	2,442 74	Havana, Ill.			
Irving Park.....	Jesus W. Brooks.....	41	0	9	9	0	230	230	6	3	66	66	80	4	80	683 06	246 51	2,442 74	2490 N. 43d Ave., Chicago, Ill.			
Manito.....	E. A. Drake.....	58	15	5	5	4	132	132	10	2	100	100	95	1	95	147 01	7 00	3,442 74	Manito, Ill.			
Northwestern.....	Setti Van der Werf.....	52	5	5	5	4	132	132	10	2	100	100	95	1	95	147 01	7 00	3,442 74	Manito, Ill.			
Norwood Park.....	J. N. Hutchinson.....	58	5	5	5	4	132	132	10	2	100	100	95	1	95	147 01	7 00	3,442 74	Manito, Ill.			
First, Pekin.....	* D. De Groot, S. S.....	80	1	1	1	1	53	53	4	1	118	118	60	1	60	59 19	53 55	1,091 69	799 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago			
Second, Pekin.....	Charles J. Schuema.....	46	4	4	4	4	132	132	4	1	104	104	45	1	45	37 00	30 00	1,175 00	Norwood Park, Chicago, Ill.			
Second, Pella.....	Paul F. Schuema.....	50	14	15	15	4	136	136	17	3	50	50	118	1	118	45 89	5 67	337 00	Otley, Iowa.			
Spring Lake.....	James Oseward.....	53	2	4	4	2	119	119	1	3	50	50	118	1	118	118 02	5 81	1,184 92	Pella, Iowa.			
Trinity.....	Wm. J. Van Kersen.....	88	2	4	4	2	98	98	1	16	130	130	60	1	60	30 51	10 00	1,800 00	Manito, Ill.			
Trinity.....	E. A. Drake.....	45	0	4	4	1	134	134	10	1	130	130	60	1	60	30 51	10 00	1,800 00	Manito, Ill.			
Trinity.....	P. Moordyk, S. C.....	1034	155	63	63	63	1763	1763	76	37	1599	1599	605	94	605	\$1,793 67	\$310 92	\$15,375 66	446 Marshall Ave., Chicago			
Total.....																						

*Candidate.

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. S. Jonkman, Montclair, Denver, Col.; Rev. W. H. Farmer, Jamaica, N. Y.; Rev. G. Van Emmerik, Bully, Ia.; Rev. P. Van der Kam, De Quoin, Ill.

Classical Missionary.—Rev. Fred Zwemer, Pella, Iowa; Rev. Andrew Warner, Worcester City, Montana.

CLASSIC V.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAPT.		U. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communi- cants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomi- national Object.		Beneficial Object.	Congressional.
Alton.	Peter Lepeltak.	116	10	10	12	13	18	1	256	1	350	1	165	1	294	\$1,130 00	\$ 145 00	\$1,313 00	Alton, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Bethel.	Henry J. Pietsen.	54	7	7	1	1	1	1	124	1	196	1	105	1	118	287 00	105 00	470 00	Leola, Nobles Co., Minn.
Boyd.	Peter A. Bouma.	77	8	8	2	2	2	2	124	1	234	1	107	1	194	187 00	105 00	1,644 00	Boyd, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Carmel.	J. W. Te Selle.	23	9	9	1	1	1	1	59	1	110	1	50	1	79	79 00	9 00	731 00	Carmel, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Churchville.	S. J. Menning.	23	2	2	1	1	1	1	38	1	70	1	30	1	50	37 00	4 00	214 00	Holland, Pipestone Co., Minn.
Clara City.	Vacant.	25	10	10	1	1	1	1	39	1	70	1	34	1	30	15 00	10 00	345 00	Clara City, Minn.
Firth.	William Stegeman.	11	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	1	46	1	24	1	175	201 00	144 00	1,090 00	Firth, Lancaster Co., Neb.
Free Grace.	S. Koster.	82	17	17	1	1	1	1	20	1	311	1	107	1	205	893 00	481 00	1,991 00	Middleburg, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Friesland.	John W. Te Paeke.	39	14	14	1	1	1	1	48	1	67	1	30	1	45	5 00	461 00	1,100 00	Friesland, Pine Co., Minn.
Holland.	Anthony M. Van Duine.	115	21	21	1	1	1	1	27	1	406	1	205	1	255	64 76 00	75 00	1,100 00	Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb.
Hoopers.	Dirk J. Te Grootenhuys.	26	8	8	1	1	1	1	96	1	185	1	80	1	130	380 00	80 00	1,068 00	Hoopers, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Hull.	Rasmus E. Brockstra.	78	16	16	1	1	1	1	104	1	165	1	82	1	150	63 00	91 00	1,068 00	Hull, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Le Mars.	Harm Dykhuizen, P. M.	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	1	52	1	30	1	100	53 00	30 00	493 00	Le Mars, Plymouth Co., Ia.
Luctor.	Harm Van Arundonk.	67	5	5	1	1	1	1	145	1	207	1	84	1	100	53 00	91 00	81 00	Luctor, Phillips Co., Kansas.
Maple Lake†.	John W. Te Paeke.	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	290	1	155	1	190	818 00	401 00	1,405 00	Maple Lake, Wright Co., Minn.
Maurice.	Henry Straka.	20	2	2	1	1	1	1	42	1	47	1	40	1	40	65 00	30 00	580 00	Maurice, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Muscatine.	Vacant.	20	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	47	1	40	1	40	55 00	401 00	2,975 00	Muscatine, Iowa.
New Kirk.	John M. Lamkes.	225	20	20	1	1	1	1	22	1	250	1	150	1	160	555 00	401 00	2,402 00	New Kirk, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Orange City.	Vacant.	150	4	4	1	1	1	1	50	1	290	1	400	1	450	786 00	9 00	2,396 00	Orange City, Iowa.
Pella.	Matthew Kolyn.	112	3	3	1	1	1	1	43	1	295	1	210	1	185	134 00	26 00	1,678 00	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Pella.	Vacant.	150	4	4	1	1	1	1	27	1	393	1	310	1	185	134 00	26 00	1,678 00	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Third, Pella.	Harm Doustra.	30	3	3	1	1	1	1	50	1	67	1	31	1	60	48 00	38 00	873 00	Third, Pella, Nebraska.
Poncha.	J. W. Foot.	23	3	3	1	1	1	1	44	1	47	1	31	1	60	108 00	21 00	549 00	Poncha, Nebraska.
Pella, Neb.	William Stegeman.	23	2	2	1	1	1	1	105	1	240	1	80	1	134	21 00	10 00	346 00	Pella, Nebraska.
Rock Valley.	John Huizenga.	60	2	2	1	1	1	1	30	1	41	1	36	1	35	25 00	10 00	346 00	Rock Valley, Jewell Co., Kansas.
Roseland.	John J. Dragt.	12	4	4	1	1	1	1	25	1	75	1	19	1	25	96 00	10 00	150 00	Roseland, O'Brien Co., Iowa.
Roseland.	John J. Dragt.	35	7	7	1	1	1	1	45	1	10	1	4	1	6	00 00	56 00	74 00	Roseland, O'Brien Co., Iowa.
Rhediton.	Harm Dykhuizen, P. M.	27	7	7	1	1	1	1	37	1	67	1	30	1	42	181 00	56 00	2,090 00	Rhediton, Sioux Co., Ia.
Silver Creek.	John W. Te Paeke.	12	7	7	1	1	1	1	20	1	37	1	205	1	422	1,816 00	26 00	96,747 00	Silver Creek, Wright Co., Minn.
Sioux Center.	James De Pres.	182	12	12	1	1	1	1	96	1	167	1	85	1	265	80,396 00	26,181 00	96,747 00	Sioux Center, Sioux Co., Ia.
Total.		1880	243	243	105	9	44	534	43	10567	3525	50	8656			\$8,396 00	\$2,181 00	\$86,747 00	

† Mission Station.

* Missionary Pastor.

Other Ministers.—Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, Missionary in Arabia, Bahrain, Asia; Rev. James P. Zwemer, S. C., Principal N. W. C. Academy, Orange City, Iowa; Rev. A. J. Betten, Emeritus, Orange City, Iowa; Rev. E. Westing, Orange City, Ia.; Rev. Peter De Pres, Holland, Mich.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & B. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
			On Confession	On Certificate	Disgraced.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Churches.	No. of B. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS.			
																	Denominational Object.	Other Objects.	Benevolent.	
Bloomington	Joseph Millett.	150	20	4	10	...	3	381	18	7	...	...	805	1	350	\$ 75 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 850 00	Bloomington, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Grove	Herman Engeman (S. S.)	100	18	3	10	...	6	289	17	11	...	...	100	3	373	403 79	106 04	106 04	2,575 19	High Falls.
Dealsville Falls	supplied.	40	8	1	2	...	1	53	4	4	...	...	...	...	40	6 75	...	...	368 00	" "
Gardner	T. W. Bayne.	79	8	4	4	...	2	124	4	4	...	...	193	1	186	198 00	5 50	5 50	1,703 24	Gardner.
Quilford	Calvin E. Lester.	74	12	4	3	...	3	117	3	8	...	...	95	2	191	49 50	35 00	35 00	933 00	Libertyville.
Hurley	A. H. Schlieder.	74	4	5	3	...	3	182	5	8	...	...	80	1	297	241 01	15 13	15 13	1,801 44	Hurley.
Kingsville	P. B. Reedy (S. S.)	210	14	6	...	...	6	390	9	...	...	...	12	1	207	210 12	170 96	170 96	2,400 00	Kingsville.
Kronville	supplied.	25	...	...	...	...	2	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	18 79	...	...	210 81	Kramville.
Lyonville	supplied.	41	...	...	...	...	3	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	4 68	...	...	595 23	Kripplebach.
Marbletown	George Davis.	63	15	5	...	...	3	94	1	9	...	...	...	...	175	143 90	9 25	9 25	1,630 45	Stone Ridge.
Marbletown, North	George Davis (S. S.)	80	...	...	...	...	3	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	80 81	...	...	980 00	Stone Ridge.
New Fair	E. C. Ogden.	272	18	10	7	1	2	570	12	...	...	...	100	...	547	500 63	117 59	117 59	2,862 63	New Paltz.
Rochester	John J. McNair.	180	...	...	...	...	2	200	17	5	...	...	...	...	357	119 92	13 57	13 57	1,599 28	Accord.
Roseville	William Cronin.	100	33	1	...	...	2	245	26	13	...	...	...	...	200	5 00	5 00	5 00	2,082 30	Rosendale.
Roseville Plains	William Coombe.	10	10	10	...	...	1	35	2	...	...	...	...	...	120	1 87	...	...	357 40	Rosendale.
St. Henry	Joseph Millett.	60	2	1	...	...	1	119	...	...	...	...	30	...	131	15 64	...	...	459 00	Bloomington.
Total		1567	181	103	101	1	40	3085	102	63	913	778	31	3154	3154	\$1,000 00	\$406 50	\$406 50	\$20,409 03	

† To form the new church at Roseville Plains.

Other Ministers.—Paul T. Deyo, Kronville, N. Y.; Edward Niles, York, Pa.; James Cantine, Muesonary; Samuel T. Beak, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. R. Lewis, Emeritus, Washingtonville, N. Y.

Candidates.—Eugene H. Zentor, Roseville, N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	Baptized.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communion.	Number of Com- munion.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Parsonage.	Revenue.		Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
														Denomin- tional	Other Objects.		
Jamaica.....	Vacant.....	200	16	13	6	6	400	11	8	3	3	1	350	\$ 1,028 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 4,800 00	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown.....	Charles K. Clearwater.....	130	11	9	1	3	270	3	3	3	3	1	260	195 80	30 00	2,055 80	Elmhurst, " "
Oyster Bay.....	Walter T. Scudder.....	99	11	1	2	1	192	4	7	1	40	1	60	173 41	16 35	1,973 00	Glen Head, " "
North Hempstead.....	Alfred Duncombe.....	69	1	2	1	1	149	5	1	1	1	1	135	199 11	23 54	1,841 50	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburg.....	Vacant.....	4108	13	8	2	3	310	3	2	1	100	1	235	290 00	104 66	6,335 70	" "
Astoria.....	Vacant.....	130	13	8	1	1	156	17	1	1	1	1	235	55 36	104 66	1,800 00	90 Remsen St., Astoria, "
Flushing.....	Rockwell H. Potter.....	114	1	1	1	2	228	11	1	1	1	1	235	1,41 26	275 00	4,800 25	Flushing, " "
South Street, Brooklyn.....	Lewis Francis.....	188	9	7	1	5	424	36	1	1	1	1	1300	1,535 55	14 00	2,561 74	143 Noble St., Brooklyn, "
South Bushwick.....	George D. Hulst.....	300	14	5	6	4	470	43	1	1	1	1	1300	1,535 55	14 00	4,391 94	15 Harned St., " "
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.....	100	12	1	1	1	294	70	1	1	1	1	1300	1,535 55	14 00	1,333 00	320 Second Ave., Astoria, "
East Williamsburg.....	Vacant.....	13	17	1	1	1	50	5	2	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	" "
Queens.....	J. S. N. Demarest.....	80	1	1	1	1	150	5	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Queens, L. I., N. Y.
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	John C. Guenther.....	330	4	1	1	1	345	10	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	2,400 00	54 Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sayville.....	John Hoffman.....	64	3	1	1	1	113	13	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	973 37	West Bayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley.....	John H. Brock (s. s.).....	28	1	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Glen Head, " "
College Point.....	John Baunister.....	100	5	2	1	1	144	17	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	College Point, " "
Brooklyn, L. I. City.....	Alexander Shaw.....	60	4	1	1	1	75	30	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	College Point, " "
Bushwick.....	Wm. H. Jackson.....	800	23	4	3	1	350	15	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	2,353 81	102 Cadogan St., L. I. City, "
German Ev., Jamaica.....	Ernest Gutierrez.....	55	7	1	1	1	150	40	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Elkville.....	August G. F. Bender.....	70	1	2	1	1	119	30	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
St. Newtown (German).....	Ernest Gutierrez.....	57	6	1	1	1	119	30	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Newtown, " "
Steuway.....	Ernest Gutierrez.....	57	6	1	1	1	119	30	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Steuway, " "
Church of Jesus, Bklyn.....	Ernest Gutierrez.....	57	6	1	1	1	119	30	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	15 Central Pl., Brooklyn, "
New Hyde Park.....	D. K. Van Gieson (s. s.).....	21	1	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.
Sunnyside, L. I. City.....	Daniel F. Doyle.....	35	1	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	1	130	133 00	14 00	1,333 00	157 Skillman Av., L. I. City
Total.....		3671	170	65	77	1	4613	533	54	19	574	32	7008	\$ 5,368 34	\$ 2,467 88	\$ 55,240 00	

† Supplied. ‡ Last Year's Report. § Last Year's Report of Families.

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.), 109 West 94d Street, New York City; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; M. V. Schoonmaker, West Chester, Pa.; James Demarest, 300 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Daniel Van Pelt, Astoria, L. I.

Candidates.—Bernard E. Abbott, 80 Nassau Street, New York City.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.		Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of B. Schols.		Total Enrollment.	Denominational Object.	Benevolent.	Other Object.	Congregational.
First Reformed.	James M. Farrar.	836	26	28	8	9	8	890	30	12	12	...	...	1946	\$ 1,538 41	\$ 5,548 00	\$ 5,548 00	367 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush.	Cornelius L. Wells.	145	9	7	4	10	8	5,447	7	8	8	...	...	473	2,549 00	2,105 00	2,105 00	900 Flatbush Av., " N. Y.
Grace Chapel.	William H. Boock.	100	3	6	4	10	8	2,325	18	2	2	...	...	380	109 30	140 00	140 00	100 Lincoln Road, " "
New Utrecht.	Alfred H. Brush.	100	7	16	1	10	8	6,958	18	2	2	...	...	468	2,130 17	200 00	200 00	7020 18th Av., " "
Gravesend.	Peter V. Van Ruskirk.	120	11	1	1	10	8	4,501	11	1	1	...	...	270	528 61	361 17	361 17	2,001 84 44 Kowenhoven Pl., " "
Flatlands.	John S. Gardner (a. s.).	87	9	5	6	8	8	5,225	17	1	1	...	...	356	468 02	168 00	168 00	4,000 00 Station M., " "
New Lots.	Nicholas Pearce.	180	8	2	6	8	8	3,479	18	2	2	...	...	442	369 43	910 00	910 00	2,400 00 New Lots Av. Sta. E., " "
East New York.	James M. Dickson.	150	14	2	8	8	8	3,406	25	5	5	...	...	675	470 00	405 00	405 00	4,335 00 165 63d Street, " "
South Brooklyn.	Benj. E. Dickhaut.	225	21	32	14	10	1	4,860	40	8	8	...	...	1400	1,390 00	1,390 00	1,390 00	2,010 00 403 Carroll Street, " "
12th Street.	John E. Lloyd.	835	30	15	10	10	8	8,194	1	1	1	...	...	75	1,587 00	3,633 00	3,633 00	9,456 00 73 Willow Street, " "
North.	Evert Van Slyke (a. s.).	108	6	18	4	8	8	2,256	16	8	8	...	...	435	190 00	61 00	61 00	892 00 185 Vanderbilt Av., " "
Church-on-the-Heights.	J. Douglas Adam.	140	8	18	8	8	8	3,300	16	8	8	...	...	273	97 00	3 00	3 00	3,519 00 1092 Horkimer St., " "
Beethuy Chapel.	George N. Makely.	190	20	7	1	10	8	3,345	40	4	4	...	...	125	178 00	3 00	3 00	1,107 56 Church Ave., " "
New Brooklyn.	Fred C. Khardt.	130	20	1	1	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Second Flatbush.	Lois Giebel.	50	7	4	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Canarsie.	John Ficken.	123	4	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Bedford.	Vicant.	17	4	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
St. Thomas, W. I.	James C. Hume.	70	3	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Ocean Hill.	A. Messier-Quick.	60	3	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Edgewood.	Wm. Ten Eck Adams.	40	4	3	2	8	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Edgewood.	G. H. Israel.	50	3	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Greenwood Heights.	A. P. Stockwell (a. s.).	20	3	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Bay Ridge.	Chas. Anderson.	60	3	10	10	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
German Amer. Reform'd.	Wm. J. H. Boecker.	65	11	9	8	10	8	1,100	17	15	15	...	...	78	136 00	45 00	45 00	1,101 00 Canarsie, " "
Total.		2905	376	174	164	1	1	80,527	941	42	42	539	1890	26	\$11,673 96	\$15,994 76	\$ 52,130 71	

† Including 147 Members of Grace Chapel. ‡ Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					C. O. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.								
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Disseminated.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.		Number of Cate-chumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Dedicated.		Other Objects.	Beneficial.	Constitutional.
Bethany, Grand Rapids.	Vacant.	70	8	15	1	1	1	104	10	170	3	100	1	275	\$ 105 85	\$ 107 50	\$ 107 50	\$1,800 66	East & Baldwin, G. R. Mich.		
Britton.	N. F. Nickerson.	89	4	4	1	1	1	30	3	107	3	100	1	107	23 80	3 00	3 00	943 85	Britton.		
Centerville.	Henry S. Bulley.	71	2	2	1	1	1	141	2	186	1	100	1	187	45 00	.....	.....	800 75	Centerville.
Constantine.	Vacant.	26	1	1	1	1	1	58	1	59	1	100	1	60	.....	.....	.....	381 34	Constantine.
Despelder.	N. F. Nickerson.	18	4	4	1	1	1	23	2	25	1	100	1	26	2 35	.....	.....	194 50	Britton.
Grace, Grand Rapids	J. Van de Rive.	40	7	8	1	1	1	54	8	75	2	100	1	144	9 00	48 60	48 60	700 35	Grand Rapids & Ave. G. R.		
1st Grand Haven.	Geo. Z. Collier.	65	1	1	1	1	1	180	14	195	1	100	1	190	216 64	36 75	36 75	1,004 00	Grand Haven.		
1st Grand Rapids	W. Hall-Williamson, S. C.	150	20	4	1	1	1	434	11	350	1	100	1	287	180 33	61 81	61 81	3,749 13	Madison Ave., G. R.		
Hope, Holland.	H. Gough Birchby.	147	10	9	1	1	1	227	6	189	1	100	1	203	304 33	139 46	139 46	2,109 46	Holland.		
2d Kalamazoo.	John M. Van der Meulen.	96	5	6	1	1	1	254	5	188	1	100	1	203	268 34	133 98	133 98	3,399 95	Kalamazoo.		
Macon.	C. A. Jongewaard.	50	14	3	1	1	1	78	1	100	1	100	1	75	18 00	.....	.....	406 00	Macon.
2d Muskegon.	R. Bloemendaal.	80	6	18	4	1	1	125	5	100	1	100	1	180	10 61	30 00	30 00	2,909 55	Muskegon.		
South Bend.	J. P. Winter.	60	21	1	1	1	1	76	8	12	1	100	1	970	25 10	.....	.....	685 34	310 Oakley Av. So. Bend, Ind.
South Macon	C. A. Jongewaard	54	1	1	1	1	1	57	5	12	1	100	1	40	3 00	.....	.....	175 00	Macon, Mich.
Total	.....	939	100	57	30	8	10	1789	60	18	1304	540	15	2480	\$1,402 35	\$ 555 65	\$ 555 65	\$18,758 74		

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Samuel Strong, South Branch, N. J.; J. Talmadge Bergen, Hope College, Holland, Mich.; J. A. Despelder, Halloway, Mich.; Isaac Collier, Battle Creek, Mich.; F. P. Badlor, Collingsville, Ill.; W. V. S. Pecke, Kapeeshima, Japan; Henry Holdings, Vellore, India; John A. Otto, M. D., Amoy, China.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate-chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Benevolent.	
First, Freehold.	Charles W. VanZee.	103	8	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	156	\$ 191 03	\$ 38 40	\$1,454 83	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.		
Helmsdel.	Garrett Wyckoff.	63	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	155	317 00	98 00	1,000 00	Helmsdel. "		
Middletown.	P. K. Hargman.	80	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	150	148 41	9 83	1,100 54	Middletown, " "		
Second, Freehold.	I. P. Brock.	130	7	2	2	2	2	2	5	2	2	333	587 00	115 00	3,343 00	Freehold, " "		
Keyport.	E. W. Greene.	47	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	37	8 15	-	825 00	Keyport, " "		
Long Branch.	B. H. Stans.	99	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	5	5	187	102 00	21 45	1,162 05	Long Branch City, " "		
Columbia Neck.	S. R. Cunningham.	33	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	2	2	73	102 00	21 45	1,460 04	Columbia Neck, Mon. Co., " "		
Highlands.	Vacant.	28	7	7	7	7	7	7	13	7	7	90	11 00	-	1,088 80	Highlands, " "		
Asbury Park.	Peter Stryker.	80	7	7	7	7	7	7	13	7	7	108	288 07	92 00	1,838 10	Asbury Park, " "		
Total. ....	.....	677	54	19	38	15	15	15	136	35	7	1,175	\$1,510 56	\$ 358 13	\$12,935 37		

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; W. H. Van Doren, Griggstown, N. J.; Jas. T. Schock, s. o., Keyport, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

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CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY (CONTINUED).—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Confession.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total Enrollment.	No. of S. Schools.	Number of Ch. children.	Total Enrollment.	Benefactor.		
			Denomina- tional Object.	Other Object.													
Manhew.	Vacant	40					4	24			1	40			94 00		Ingraham's Mills, N. Y.
Mapletown.	John A. Thomson, S. S.	30					1	60	3		1	40			91 00	3 00	Sprakers.
Mohawk.	Ira Van Allen.	70	2	1			1	135			1	125			157 00	17 00	Mohawk.
Naumburg.	Vacant.	15						3				35			10 00		Naumburg.
Owasco.	J. A. Rodgers, S. S.	100	5	1			5	108	1		1	300			68 00	94 00	Naumburg.
Owasco Outlet.	F. A. Force.	28	2	2			2	31			1	35			55 00	25 00	Naumburg.
Point Rock.	P. E. Schiller, S. S.	180	10	5	4		5	239	2			302			85 00	19 00	St. Johnsville.
St. Johnsville.	Charles W. Kinney.	60	2	5	4		4	94	2		1	115			78 00	17 00	St. Johnsville.
Sprakers.	John A. Thomson.	60	2	5	4		4	94	2		1	115			78 00	17 00	Sprakers.
Stone Arabia.	Charles L. Palmer.	86	16	12	1		1	155	4		1	165			94 00		Stone Arabia.
First, Syracuse.	Philip H. Cole.	150	8	8	7		7	214	4		1	225			645 00	420 00	First, Syracuse.
Second, Syracuse.	Charles Maar.	45	4	2	1		1	58			2	175			99 00	24 00	Second, Syracuse.
Thousand Islands.	J. J. Van Hee.	70	17	2			2	92	9		1	109			64 00	33 00	Thousand Islands.
Utica.	Peter Crippeil.	100	8	5	7		7	168			1	180			845 00	93 00	Utica.
West Leyden.	F. E. Schiller.	33	4					62	7		1	60			68 00	4 00	West Leyden.
Total		2404	173	75	85	85	85	4087	59	60	47	1432	35	4407	\$4,710 00	\$1,518 00	\$28,101 00

* Revised List.

† Including home department.

‡ Including \$388 for chapel debt.

§ Including \$100 on Church lot.

Other Ministers.—D. Lord, Jordanville, N. Y.; R. R. Williams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Prof. Oren Root, Chilton, N. Y.; A. D. Minor, Mohawk, N. Y.; Joel Locke, McKinley, N. Y.; Philip Furbeck, St. Johnsville, N. Y.; Harvey D. Leland, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Louis H. Babler, Schenectady, N. Y.; William H. Sbelland, Mollaton, N. Y.; P. Q. Wilson, Easton, N. Y.

Student Candidates.—P. V. W. Lehman and Howard Furbeck.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Baptisms.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Mem.-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominizing Object.	Other Object.		Congregational.
Belleville.....	A. Hageman, S. C.	160	7	14	9	0	0	6 251 11	4	100	150	1	1	231	\$ 343 20	\$ 49 04	\$ 2,915 44	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark.....	T. J. Lee	220	9	15	7	8	5	5 277	7	...	...	...	...	315	...	...	...	673 High St., Newark, N. J.
Irvington.....	C. E. Wyckoff	103	15	7	8	1	1	8 154	10	...	...	...	...	340	47 46	...	...	Irvington, N. J.
New York Av., Newark	John S. Allen	100	29	8	4	8	8	8 300 10	6	...	...	...	...	380	449 70	187 70	...	100 New York Ave., Newark
Franklin.....	Wm. Sturt	185	35	11	8	0	0	6 115	6	...	...	...	...	115	308 50	47 50	...	Nutley, N. J.
North Newark.....	D. Nege Mackay	490	35	55	15	0	0	6 443 17	2	...	...	...	...	1205	11,808 47	4,731 87	...	82 Washington St., Newark.
West Newark.....	Carl G. Hamer	74	30	15	10	6	6	6 940 110	8	...	...	...	...	580	8,410 93	15 00	...	52 Washington St., Newark.
Clinton Ave., Newark.	Daniel H. Martin	403	84	35	20	0	0	10 727 6	8	100	...	...	...	485	213 00	35 00	...	Newark, N. J.
Italy, Newark.....	J. N. Morris	140	19	9	3	0	0	5 32	1	...	...	...	...	375	217 02	...	...	Johnston Ave., Newark
Christ, Newark.....	N. V. Sherwood, S. S.	183	6	6	6	0	0	5 821	9	...	...	...	...	375	188 96	...	...	143 Ferry St., Newark, N. J.
Stone House Plains.....	W. E. Bygones	45	0	13	6	0	0	2 354	1	...	...	...	...	332	1,053 57	221 00	...	223 Communipaw Av., City
Orange, Newark.....	George S. Bishop	280	13	13	1	0	0	8 350 19	10	...	...	...	...	430	753 73	316 11	...	East Orange, N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck	253	17	12	1	0	0	2 383 14	1	...	...	...	...	40	33 00	...	...	Plainfield, N. J.
Germant, Plainfield.....	George Hanger	40	6	3	0	0	0	2 88	1	...	...	...	...	40	37 00	...	...	Plainfield, N. J.
Monclair Heights.....	Charles W. Gulick	17	2	...	...	...	...	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Plainfield, N. J.
Total.....		3206	190	154	127	...	...	53 4335 257	40	914	637	19	19	5305	\$12,919 48	\$5,664 06	\$50,703 20	

* Revised list.

† Exclusive of Minister's support.

‡ Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Geiser, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 544 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.; M. G. Hanco, 79 Ashland Ave., East Orange, N. J.; James C. Garrison, Rahway, N. J.; D. H. Christensen, DeForestville, New York; Charles L. Lawrence, 287 Clifton Ave., Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					B. A. P.		C. C. & B. A.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	B. A. P.		Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS.				
									Infants.	Adults.		Beneficial.	Other Objects.			
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Packman.	275	17	13	20	2	7	977	16	2	1	460	\$1,404 00	\$ 525 00	919 Townsend St., N. Brunswick	
Six Mile Run.	G. M. S. Bischoff.	117	3	1	1	1	4	276	5	1	1	200	267 00	112 00	Franklin Park, N. J.	
Billborough.	Theodore Sharer.	145	5	10	10	1	3	280	8	1	1	250	456 69	161 04	Middleton, N. J.	
Middlebush.	James Lafere.	495	5	1	6	1	1	125	3	1	1	100	273 31	64 86	Middlebush, N. J.	
Griggstown.	James L. Southard.	52	1	3	9	1	4	104	2	1	1	32	144 39	57 10	Griggstown, N. J.	
Second New Brunswick.	M. H. Hutton, S. C.	469	6	9	8	1	4	981	4	1	1	100	1,065 33	812 83	35 Union St., New Brunswick	
Round Brook.	Chas. T. Anderson.	970	1	4	8	1	1	164	2	1	1	10	85 10	7 00	345 Easton Av., N. Brunswick	
Third New Brunswick.	Carl Meyer.	72	5	2	1	1	1	137	3	2	1	10	29 05	14 79	245 Easton Av., N. Brunswick	
East Millstone.	A. Palge Peeke.	73	1	4	1	1	2	181	3	2	1	43	172 37	49 00	East Millstone, N. J.	
Metuchen.	John H. Raven.	80	1	1	1	1	1	84	5	2	1	280	276 00	25 00	Metuchen, N. J.	
Saydam St., N. Brunswick.	Alan D. Campbell.	80	6	2	3	1	1	78	1	1	1	1	1,028 00	15 47	146 Livingston Ave., N. B.	
Highland Park.	Alex. S. Van Dyck.	45	6	2	3	1	1	74	2	2	1	70	52 44	15 47	Highland Park, N. Brunswick	
Spotawood.	John O. Bayles.	1173	63	55	63	2	30	2785	49	13	300	941	\$5,680 26	\$2,130 06	Spotawood, N. J.	
Total		1173	63	55	63	2	30	2785	49	13	300	941	\$5,680 26	\$2,130 06	\$5,645 06	

* Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Japan; E. Lord, Patuxent, N. Y.; Henry D. B. Mallord, New Brunswick, N. J.; John DeWitt, 31 Montgomery Street, Jersey City; John B. Thompson, 30 Wall Street, Trenton, N. J.; Aug. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.

Candidates.—T. D. W. Bailey, New York; A. G. Van Aken, Jamesburg, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK (CONTINUED.)—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. S. Schol- ars.	Total Enrollment.	Contributions.		
															Denomina- tional		Other Objects.
Mott Haven.	Henry M. Cox.	100	8	9	15	10	308	29	1	160	300	2	500	\$ 270 39	\$ 100 00	\$ 3,194 15	Woody Crest Ave., H. E.
Union, High Bridge.	John H. Oster.	125	7	7	8	3	308	13	1	180	128	1	358	674 01	331 30	1,715 73	446 W 40th St., N. Y. City
Pearth, German.	D. McL. Quackenbush.	150	12	12	12	1	450	86	1	180	180	1	360	308 54	134 00	3,400 00	3 E 34th St., "
Prospect Hill.	Jacob Schlegel.	98	34	4	10	4	410	80	1	45	45	1	900	300 00	370 00	2,400 00	602-5th St., "
Avenue B, German.	James C. Stout.	14	8	8	1	1	136	1	1	3	25	2	350	243 51	69 80	3,376 80	402-5th St., "
Brighton Heights.	Charles Schlegel.	90	40	10	4	1	250	32	3	2	25	2	300	37 00	80 00	1,300 00	48th St., near 1st Av., "
Union.	Jacob Ganes.	150	6	10	4	1	135	13	1	1	14	2	180	297 00	346 00	3,500 00	Krescherville, S. I.
Norfolk St., German.	Joseph R. Dierkes.	135	26	12	6	7	293	29	5	1	290	1	400	237 00	191 10	3,480 70	132 E 34th St., N. Y. City.
Grace.	Charles B. Chapin.	125	18	11	11	4	314	9	2	13	100	1	110	50 45	.....	355 66	353 W 14th St., "
Hamilton Grange.	Henry V. S. Myers.	22	2	4	1	1	30	30	1	683	2144	36	11537	\$35,033 94	\$22,925 19	\$78,351 19	604 E 162d St., "
Church of the Comforter.	Total.	3950	543	319	118	1038	507	74	683	2144	36	11537	\$35,033 94	\$22,925 19	\$78,351 19		

† Revised.

Other Ministers.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. H. Wolf, E. Rodeway Miller, Moriska, Japan; Clinton Tyler Wood, Wellington, South Africa; Frank B. Wright, Walter C. Roe, Colony, Oklahoma; Walter Laddow, William Walton Clark, 27 W. 24th St., New York City; Haebrout Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City; Aaron Lloyd, Bellerlie, N. J.; G. H. Mandeville, 35 E. 24th St., N. Y. City; A. J. Park, Bostons, Conn.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. G. Vermilye, Englewood, N. J.; Thos. O. Lowe, Brighton Heights, Buxton Island; K. F. Junior, 283 W. 30th Street, New York City; William Westerfield, 107 W. 126th Street, N. Y. City; E. J. Hunt, 37 W. 49th Street, New York City; A. V. W. Bapster, England; Frank Malven, 80 W. 119th St., N. Y. City.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwartz, 66 Avenue A, New York City; Henry Z. Kyla, N. Y. City.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families	On Conference.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communion	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Receipts.		Constitutional.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
																Denominational.	Other Objects.		
Berea	Edward V. V. Seale.	38	1	1	1	1	1	104	2	2	177	7	1	1	207	\$ 41.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 700.24	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomington	John L. Stillwell.	60	1	1	1	1	6	113	5	5	177	7	1	1	207	118.95	16.00	700.00	Bloomington, N. Y.
Callicon	Henry Uglanb.	62	9	1	1	1	6	140	13	13	177	7	1	1	207	18.00	16.00	700.00	Callicon, N. Y.
Calliconville	Vacant	17	6	4	4	4	1	41	4	4	10	10	1	1	90	118.08	250.00	849.85	Cuddebackville, N. Y.
Cuddebackville	Thomas H. Mackenzie.	53	4	4	4	4	1	99	9	9	208	208	4	4	90	578.00	75.80	4,800.00	Cuddebackville, N. Y.
Deerpark	Herman C. Berg.	204	47	18	10	10	6	543	21	21	208	208	4	4	90	398.64	75.80	2,849.82	Deerpark, N. Y.
Ellenville	Benj. T. Staats.	170	4	1	5	5	1	302	8	8	205	205	1	1	178	164.67	12.10	787.90	Ellenville, N. Y.
Falleburgh	Frederick W. Rubb.	85	16	2	3	3	3	198	8	8	18	18	1	1	178	15.64	5.00	318.00	Falleburgh, N. Y.
Grahamsville	C. Van Oostenbrugge.	81	1	1	1	1	1	62	36	36	13	13	1	1	85	18.00	5.00	450.00	Grahamsville, N. Y.
Kerhonkson	Vacant	50	4	2	2	2	1	90	1	1	13	13	1	1	80	18.00	5.00	724.15	Kerhonkson, N. Y.
Mannakung	Vacant	40	18	2	1	1	1	56	4	4	177	177	1	1	80	18.00	5.00	1,008.00	Mannakung, N. Y.
Ministink	J. Frederick Berg.	30	5	1	1	1	1	56	4	4	177	177	1	1	80	18.00	5.00	724.15	Ministink, N. Y.
Montgomery	Robert H. Beattie.	175	0	8	8	8	2	305	8	8	1	1	1	1	150	470.97	40.82	2,890.71	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburg	John A. Thurston.	164	6	8	8	8	2	305	8	8	1	1	1	1	150	314.10	173.85	3,532.72	Newburg, N. Y.
New Hurley	Edwin O. Moffet.	100	7	1	1	1	1	162	2	2	4	4	1	1	151	573.52	41.20	1,101.87	New Hurley, N. Y.
New Prospect	David T. Harris.	100	2	2	2	2	4	200	6	6	14	14	1	1	100	145.00	28.00	1,190.00	New Prospect, N. Y.
Port Jervis, Second	Joseph Dixon.	30	14	2	5	5	1	13	1	1	13	13	1	1	100	145.00	28.00	1,190.00	Port Jervis, N. Y.
Shawangunk	Frederick W. Rubb.	79	11	2	5	5	1	13	1	1	13	13	1	1	100	145.00	28.00	1,190.00	Shawangunk, N. Y.
Unionville	Vacant	7	5	12	5	5	7	369	5	5	111	111	1	1	226	664.81	53.81	2,080.16	Unionville, N. Y.
Walden	Wm. W. Schomp.	175	5	12	5	5	7	369	5	5	111	111	1	1	226	664.81	53.81	2,080.16	Walden, N. Y.
Wallick Valley	Marion T. Conklin.	91	4	1	2	2	1	212	7	7	4	4	1	1	226	211.92	22.63	1,300.00	Wallick Valley, N. Y.
Walpack Upper	Vacant	78	9	1	1	1	1	136	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	28.70	5.00	2,578.70	Walpack Upper, N. Y.
Walpack Lower	Charles H. Whitaker.	45	1	1	1	1	1	136	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	28.70	5.00	2,578.70	Walpack Lower, N. Y.
Warren	C. Van Oostenbrugge.	45	1	1	1	1	1	136	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	28.70	5.00	2,578.70	Warren, N. Y.
Total		1961	166	57	55	55	1	55,394	94	93	3607	1290	34	3145	3145	\$3,678.69	\$ 778.93	\$31,153.30	

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Other Ministers.—James E. Bernart, Chester, N. Y.; G. S. Garretson, Dingman's Ferry, Pa.; E. A. Hendrickson, Flushing, Long Island; S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Candidates.—August M. Glidden.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational.		Benevolent.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Acquanackonck.....	John Gaston, Elm	175	16	14	5	..	6 394	31	4 225	300	1	1	240	\$1,727 45	\$ 968 75		\$4,691 03	Passaic, N. J.	
Canterville.....	Anna Vennema.....	90	7	1	..	..	46	7	5	80	1	100	100	45 00	..	..	993 88	Passaic, N. J.
Clarkstown.....	Garret M. Conover.....	95	4	14	1	..	2 178	46	5	..	..	..	216	119 55	170 00	..	1,304 84	West Nyack, N. Y.
Clifton.....	E. G. Byles.....	85	1	10	5	..	105	2	..	..	..	..	216	66 37	52 73	..	1,679 90	Clifton, N. J.
Garden.....	W. G. Myer.....	87	6	7	..	..	183	3	..	8	..	..	133	..	5 00	..	484 80	Garden, N. J.
Glen Rock.....	Vacant.....	16	..	..	..	..	98	1	..	..	..	..	81	8 48	..	..	512 43	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Hawthorne.....	Wm. Johnston.....	14	..	..	..	..	98	1	..	..	..	..	81	8 48	..	..	480 00	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Loth. First Holland.....	Tunis H. Hoote.....	70	11	5	8	..	132	31	230	110	1	130	153	46 00	..	..	1,000 00	Hawthorne, N. J.
Loth. Second.....	Vacant.....	43	4	1	1	..	68	10	66	150	1	173	219	1,763 67	304 90	41 77	4,300 44	Nyack, N. J.	
Paramus.....	Wm. H. Vroom.....	113	6	6	4	..	2 890	10	1	100	1	173	355 37	13 95	..	..	1,850 00	Ridgewood, N. J.
Passaic.....	Edward Lodewick.....	100	2	10	2	..	135	8	1	100	1	150	150 94	18 50	..	..	1,850 00	Park Ridge, N. J.
Passaic, First Holland.....	Martin Flipse.....	225	35	10	2	..	3 391	50	2	310	1	300	148 63	353 79	..	..	3,000 00	Passaic, N. J.
Passaic, North.....	J. B. Whithead.....	110	11	7	5	..	1 237	14	5	80	1	575	1,130 60	353 79	..	..	1,170 90	Passaic, N. J.
Paterson, Broadway.....	Ellis W. Thompson.....	110	25	14	1	..	4 251	8	5	90	1	321	377 90	273 48	..	..	3,753 70	67 Auburn St., Paterson, N. J.
Paterson, First Holland.....	Fred. G. Dekker.....	113	10	8	2	..	4 345	30	1	100	1	100	109 50	90 00	..	..	1,749 50	50 Clinton St., Paterson, N. J.
Paterson, North.....	Vacant.....	88	3	9	3	..	1 46	8	28	80	1	106	..	..	..	..	409 80	Paterson, N. J.
Paterson, Second.....	Thos. W. Welles, S. C.....	178	39	10	9	..	2 268	14	4	103	1	480	530 87	419 84	..	..	3,393 49	17 Temple St., Paterson, N. J.
Piermont.....	Edward S. Balston.....	60	3	4	7	..	8 100	7	..	130	1	130	215 07	160 00	..	..	2,179 91	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo.....	A. A. King.....	85	..	3	3	..	1 152	9	..	..	..	2	303	117 40	30 93	..	1,350 27	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramapo.....	Vacant.....
Ridgewood.....	J. A. Van Neste.....	112	4	15	5	..	8 239	8	3 247	100	1	331	462 68	945 45	..	..	4,388 73	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River.....	Isaac Van Kampen.....	70	4	1	3	..	1 80	3	..	15	1	91	33 80	8 00	..	..	1,179 41	Saddle River, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	C. E. Criswell.....	80	3	7	3	..	8 119	4	67	160	1	174	278 57	10 62	..	..	1,360 17	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan.....	M. N. Oliver.....	60	2	6	3	..	1 141	9	1	80	1	98	140 33	17 45	..	..	1,304 04	Tappan, N. Y.
Warwick.....	Taber Knox.....	150	6	2	4	..	2 268	9	3	97	1	100	1,395 68	448 13	..	..	2,313 46	Warwick, N. J.
West New Hempstead.....	Thos. S. Duinberré.....	48	..	4	1	..	102	15	..	100	1	75	78 84	6 98	..	..	518 75	Viola, Rockland Co., N. J.
Wortendyke, Holland.....	Vacant.....	75	8	4	4	..	6 153	15	..	100	1	75	6 00	150 00	..	..	731 58	Wortendyke, N. J.
Total.....		3,604	316	149	87	..	32 468	381	28,170	1,108	30	4798	99,049 70	\$3,919 16			\$39,985 83		

* One Union.

* Revised list.

† Including Home Department.

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, Passaic, N. J.; Cornelius B. Elzevick, Nyack, N. Y.; Henry Deter, Hawthorne, Passaic Co., N. J.; Nathaniel H. Van Ambalsie, Charleston, S. C.; and 6 Warren Street, New York City.

CLASSIS-OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cases Churchmen.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Object.	Beneficent.	Other Objects.	
Boonton.....	Alex McKelvey.....	88	3	3	3	3	3	96	9	9	135	135	1	135	\$ 333 36	\$ 10 00	\$ 2,271 00	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield.....	Otto L. F. Mohr.....	60	6	6	6	6	6	96	3	3	115	115	1	115	90 30	7 84	1,448 00	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
First, Little Falls.....	Vacant.....	73	7	7	7	7	7	150	3	3	155	155	1	155	218 04	55 00	1,400 00	Little Falls, "
Second, Little Falls.....	Vacant.....	58	1	1	1	1	1	58	3	3	45	45	1	45	30 60	11 06	135 00	Little Falls, "
Montville.....	A. Mattice.....	90	9	9	9	9	9	107	2	2	140	140	1	140	212 00	145 00	255 00	Boonton, Morris Co., "
People's Park, Paterson.....	John Smith.....	115	9	9	9	9	9	203	20	20	160	160	2	160	41 00	180 94	1,225 01	Paterson, "
Pompton Plains.....	Ferdinand S. Wilson.....	131	5	5	5	5	5	236	6	6	51	51	2	51	470 71	40 62	2,376 67	Riverdale, Morris Co., "
Ponds.....	John W. Foster.....	70	6	6	6	6	6	230	2	2	100	100	1	100	77 00	73 18	9,456 45	Pompton Plains, "
Preakness.....	Geo. W. Lahaw, S. C.....	40	3	3	3	3	3	90	5	5	110	110	2	110	110 65	43 05	1,001 55	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Riverdale, Paterson.....	John B. Church.....	190	18	18	18	18	18	145	90	90	423	423	1	423	136 15	138 27	2,654 35	23 Bank St., Paterson, "
Sixth, Holland, ".....	R. Vanhetboe.....	555	30	30	30	30	30	1,000	18	18	500	500	1	500	186 54	1,236 91	5,697 84	37 East 10th St., "
First, Totowa, ".....	Thos. Powell Vernoll.....	150	11	11	11	11	11	3,580	18	18	942	942	1	942	225 40	10 27	6,463 76	Paterson, "
Union Ref., ".....	El E. Niss.....	218	20	20	20	20	20	4,402	45	45	750	750	1	750	149 40	30 28	2,461 11	Paterson, "
Wyckoff.....	A. Westrest.....	96	8	8	8	8	8	156	0	0	72	72	1	72	158 55	30 28	1,120 21	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
Total.....	Total.....	1908	142	142	142	142	142	3534	35	35	1013	1739	20	3511	\$2,099 49	\$1,945 26	\$31,755 87	

Other Ministers.—J. C. Crickshank, Little Falls, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass.; A. A. Zahradka, Mendham, N. J.; G. A. Lackenbill, Bacon Hill, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. B.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of B. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		
																	Denominational Object.	Benevolent.	
No. and So. Hampton.	Horace P. Craig.	1007	131	60	76	9	33	9859	103	48	698	1840	20	2063	\$3,138 46	\$1,448 85	\$22,457 49	Churchville, Pa.	
Harlingen.	Francis M. Kip, S. C.	130	1	5	5	0	3	223	1	1	225	0	0	10	215	145 50	18 00	1,495 88	Harlingen, N. J.
Neelanic.	John Hart.	126	4	0	0	0	3	257	3	3	260	0	0	4	215	271 03	70 45	1,409 50	Neelanic, N. J.
First, Philadelphia.	P. H. Milliken	115	7	2	2	14	5	195	3	2	200	0	0	0	300	820 00	301 00	.....	1453 Poplar St., Phila., Pa.
Second, "	Vacant.	139	2	2	2	14	5	250	3	2	255	0	0	0	300	357 50	67 04	.....	.....
Fourth, "	J. P. Kuhn	288	46	11	3	0	3	513	24	10	544	1	1	1	534	177 50	805 00	.....	.....
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden.	79	5	2	2	0	1	153	1	4	158	0	0	0	110	68 00	180 00	.....	.....
Blanton	A. C. Bl-d.	73	10	10	10	4	6	147	3	4	150	0	0	0	80	70 86	23 02	.....	.....
Clover Hill	R. G. Acherman.	73	10	10	10	4	6	147	3	4	150	0	0	0	80	70 86	23 02	.....	.....
Rocky Hill.	O. J. Hogan	66	3	1	1	0	5	131	5	1	136	0	0	0	70	188 11	33 79	.....	.....
Fifth, Philadelphia.	C. F. C. Suckow	160	4	1	1	0	1	281	36	1	297	0	0	0	160	183 85	92 80	.....	.....
Addisville.	Sidney O. Lawling.	60	9	0	0	1	1	124	1	1	125	0	0	0	43	308 30	4 00	.....	.....
Three Bridges.	O. M. Voorhes.	81	1	0	0	0	0	141	5	1	146	0	0	0	120	94 43	4 00	.....	.....
Talmage Memorial.	H. C. Wroughton.	95	17	4	4	1	0	141	15	2	156	0	0	0	90	125 74	4 00	.....	.....
South, Philadelphia.	C. S. Wyckoff.	25	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	0	16	0	0	0	1	80	283 00	.....	.....
Total.		1007	131	60	76	9	33	9859	103	48	698	1840	20	2063	\$3,138 46	\$1,448 85	\$22,457 49		

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Other Ministers.—G. E. Gramm, Ardmore, Pa.; A. Stoll, Kalpore, Central Provinces, India; W. J. Stillman, Editor of City and State, 4216 Pechin Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; N. L. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B. A. P.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confirmation.	On Certificate.	Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Nos. Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Beneficent.			Denominational.
First, Poughkeepsie.	A. P. Van Giesen (s.c.).	800	7	4	3	3	12	506	3	3	1	1	1	280	\$1,410 17	\$ 1,508 13	\$ 2,045 36	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	
Second, Poughkeepsie.	Wm. Bancroft Hill.	100	11	3	3	3	4	440	3	3	1	1	1	270	1,083 16	1,215 00	4,148 00	Poughkeepsie, "	
Fishkill	A. H. Hinzinger.	104	13	3	3	3	3	341	3	3	1	1	1	103	311 67	36 68	1,323 80	Fishkill "	
Hopewell	Ernest Clapp.	93	7	1	1	1	1	196	3	3	1	1	1	100	283 86	39 06	1,000 00	Hopewell Junction, "	
New Hackensack	Ym A. Dumont.	85	7	1	1	1	4	181	3	3	1	1	1	175	337 00	41 60	893 28	New Hackensack, "	
Blinck	J. Howard Suydam.	120	10	5	6	6	3	287	1	2	1	1	100	1	320	435 06	309 60	1,716 28	Blinck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts.	13	14	5	4	4	1	68	1	10	1	1	1	166	260 78	179 36	5,378 14	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "	
Hyde Park	Joseph Garon.	60	3	2	2	2	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	87	227 00	16 00	318 91	Hyde Park-on-Hudson, N. Y.	
Glenham.	Wm. V. D. Strong.	41	3	2	2	2	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	64	36 81	1 00	434 30	Glenham, N. Y.	
Cold Spring	Vacant.	30	3	2	2	2	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	45	6 50	-	514 31	"	
Millbrook	J. E. Lyall.	110	4	3	7	2	3	166	1	2	1	1	1	182	498 00	74 00	9,081 00	Millbrook, N. Y.	
Total.	Total.	1183	78	37	45	36	36	2491	31	30	161	1742	161	21	1742	\$ 6,306 16	\$ 8,550 02	\$ 28,080 08	

† Three are Union Schools.

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. B. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. M. Cobb, 35 E. 32d St., New York City; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Pitcher, Amoy, China.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. B.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Now in Com-munion.		Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Number of Cate-chumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		C. C. & S. B.	
																	Denomina-tional Object.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, Raritan	Wm B. Cranmer	300	19	21	9	13	435	13	4	1	200	1	300	\$ 750 00	\$ 253 00	\$ 14,025 00	Somerville, N. J.	
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff	135	5	7	1	8	313	1	1	1	200	1	375	915 00	50 00	2,940 00	Readington, N. J.	
Bedminster	T. Walker Jones	115	5	11	0	13	283	1	1	1	185	1	185	558 75	47 75	6,153 15	Bedminster, N. J.	
Lebanon	Wm E. Davis	221	4	1	0	6	468	9	17	0	30	4	325	79 00	36 00	9,050 50	Lebanon, N. J.	
Rockaway	H. P. Lyman Weston	112	5	9	0	10	171	5	4	0	70	0	111	573 81	47 48	1,248 80	White House, N. J.	
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	115	5	10	0	12	162	5	4	0	70	0	111	573 81	47 48	1,248 80	North Branch, N. J.	
Second, Raritan	E. G. Reed	243	25	10	0	12	462	12	6	0	70	0	339	1,493 31	61 43	9,895 40	Somerville, N. J.	
Peapack	Howard C. Humberg	124	18	4	0	1	185	3	1	0	70	0	185	1,095 00	65 00	1,017 35	Peapack, N. J.	
South Branch	Isaac Speller	105	5	0	0	6	167	3	1	0	40	0	151	313 00	31 16	1,931 92	Somerville, N. J.	
Third, Raritan	Wm H. DeHart	160	1	0	0	2	813	11	2	0	120	0	351	699 00	116 40	2,324 76	South Branch, Raritan, N. J.	
Porterville	Isaac L. Kip	60	1	4	0	2	102	3	0	0	1	0	85	53 00	2 00	1,682 95	Porterville, N. J.	
High Bridge	Vacant	100	1	4	0	2	147	3	0	0	1	0	150	108 14	8 00	1,385 73	High Bridge, N. J.	
Amadiske	Vacant	68	5	1	0	2	110	1	0	0	1	0	120	152 00	8 50	1,400 00	Amadiske, N. J.	
Fourth, Raritan	F. Koehli	177	122	72	9	32	306	31	30	0	1040	27	3901	\$4,705 71	\$544 50	\$40,016 94	Somerville, N. J.	
Total		1778	122	72	9	32	306	31	30	0	1040	27	3901	\$4,705 71	\$544 50	\$40,016 94		

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† Barbed list.

Other Ministers.—H. Schnellensdresler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, 22 East 2nd Street, New York City; John F. Meick, B. C., Blawenburgh, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.

CLASSIS OF RENNELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confirmation.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational.	Other Objects.	Beneficent.	Congregational.	
Bath-on-Hudson	Variant	48	4	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	15	30	1	145	\$ 116 00	\$ 15 00		\$ 543 00	Bath-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Blossing Grove	Supplied	180	9	9	1	6	1	1	1	1	41	10	1	76	105 00			687 00	Defreestville, "
Castroville	Eugene E. Thomas	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	167 00			2,121 00	Castroville, "
Chatham	Mark A. Denman	113	13	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	287 00			2,050 00	Chatham, "
First, Ghent	Philip W. Thelpe	72	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	127 00			1,127 00	Ghent, "
Second, Ghent	C. V. W. Bedford	57	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	131 00			737 00	Gent, "
Greenbush	John Laubenheimer	120	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	135 00			1,941 00	East Greenbush, "
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier, S. C.	145	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,386 00			3,022 00	Kinderhook, "
Nassau	Variant	120	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	150 00			1,360 00	Nassau, "
New Concord	Supplied	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00			335 00	New Concord, "
Schoodack	Edgar J. McCully	80	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	134 00			1,035 00	Monticelli, "
Schoodack Landing	Joshua E. Crane	90	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	106 00			1,039 00	Schoodack Landing, "
Stuyvesant	De Witt G. Rockefeller	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	226 00			983 00	Stuyvesant, "
Stuyvesant Falls	A. W. Hopper	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33 00			739 00	Stuyvesant Falls, "
Total		1,204	54	54	40	1	34	33	30	37	168	217	16	1,859	\$1,350 00	\$407 00		\$16,736 00	

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—John B. Drury, Ed. Christian Intelligencer, New Brunswick, N. J.; Isaac B. Schoeck, New Brunswick, N. J.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPT.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Beneficial.	Other Objects.	Denomina-tional Objects.	
Abbe.....	M. Osewarde, S. C.....	59	4	1	1	2	216	8	8	8	130	40	1	184	\$ 173 01	\$ 2 00	\$ 747 80	Clymer, N. Y.
Arcadia.....	G. Dargemond.....	68	18	6	6	2	170	5	8	13	170	78	1	281	183 98	.....	1,451 00	Newark, N. Y.
Brighton.....	D. L. Ratten.....	78	19	9	9	2	142	5	1	6	170	78	1	293	189 91	.....	1,455 00	Brighton, N. Y.
Cleveland (First).....	S. M. Hogendoom.....	46	15	1	1	1	101	1	3	4	180	45	1	113	173 10	15 15	710 27	25 Linden St., Cleveland, O
Clymer Hill.....	P. G. M. Bahler.....	71	9	1	1	1	102	3	3	6	110	12	1	140	174 58	183 19	710 27	Clymer, N. Y.
East Williamson.....	Vacant.....	124	6	1	1	2	233	4	1	5	140	12	1	173	177 38	183 36	1,925 39	East Williamson, N. Y.
Farmet.....	E. B. Van Ardalo.....	158	5	1	1	2	183	1	1	2	225	140	1	210	243 25	181 25	1,925 39	Farmet, N. Y.
Lodi.....	C. F. Porter.....	100	5	1	1	1	128	1	1	2	140	12	1	173	180 84	106 50	1,925 39	Lodi, N. Y.
Marion.....	A. H. Strabbing.....	144	14	4	1	1	225	1	1	2	225	140	1	210	193 86	73 29	1,925 39	Marion, N. Y.
New York Mills.....	Vacant.....	21	4	1	1	1	150	4	1	5	40	28	1	45	9 00	2 00	910 44	New York Mills, N. Y.
Ontario.....	Vacant.....	21	4	1	1	1	150	4	1	5	40	28	1	45	9 00	2 00	910 44	Ontario, N. Y.
Palmyra.....	Vacant.....	60	3	1	1	1	138	1	1	2	183	20	1	175	11 65	7 85	351 43	Palmyra, N. Y.
Pultneyville.....	M. Van Doors.....	60	5	1	1	1	147	2	1	3	183	20	1	175	11 65	47 86	356 00	Pultneyville, N. Y.
First, Rochester.....	S. A. Schlatter.....	162	11	6	7	9	207	16	1	17	250	50	1	230	116 54	44 24	733 98	55 Hudson Ave., Rochester.
Second, Rochester.....	John Lamar.....	87	4	3	3	5	92	7	1	8	18	1	1	278	253 81	136 74	2,182 67	Rochester, N. Y.
Tyre.....	S. Rederus.....	25	1	1	1	1	52	2	1	3	18	1	1	67	144 14	.....	92,187 33	Malcom, N. Y.
Total.....	Total.....	1,803	80	55	10	82	2,775	64	12	888	606	16	3008	\$4,354 21	\$200 15	\$10,383 96		

* Raised also on mortgage, \$5,400.

Other Ministers.—John Boehrer, 40 Barthel St., Buffalo, N. Y.; C. M. Steffens, Rochester, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						RAP.	C. O. & S. B.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confirmation	On Certificate.	Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Lapsed Non-Communicants.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Resident.		Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Albion	Orelia T. Fletcher.	60	6	11	1	..	9	126	5	1	1	40	1	170	\$ 41 00	\$27 00	\$ 1,615 00	Albion.	
Amity	James E. Graham.	54	..	..	8	..	2	143	..	..	..	175	1	176	41 00	..	1,014 00	Vischer's Ferry.
Bellerue	Robert J. Hogan.	53	7	4	..	..	2	30	..	..	..	..	..	126	11 00	40 00	930 00	Schenectady.
Glenville, First.	Joseph McIntyre.	90	5	1	..	..	9	273	6	..	..	..	..	115	54 00	48 00	930 00	Glenville.
Glenville, Second	M. H. Gordon.	80	9	..	..	..	8	175	1	..	..	80	3	303	129 00	5 00	1,458 00	Scotia.
Helderberg	Geo. G. Selbert.	112	6	2	12	..	8	200	2	3	60	100	1	108	54 00	15 00	+1,758 00	Guilderland Centre.	
Lisha's Hill	C. A. Conant.	50	1	..	..	..	1	145	2	..	..	64	..	95	73 00	42 00	873 00	Laha's Hill.
Mont Pleasant.	A. R. Herman.	46	2	6	4	..	1	61	10	1	..	64	..	175	18 00	..	511 00	Schenectady.	
Niskayuna	C. P. Dimars, S. C.	135	7	4	4	..	3	254	3	1	185	140	2	330	508 00	40 00	1,440 00	Niskayuna.	
Princeton	Thos. C. Johnston, S. B.	115	10	6	7	..	5	309	1	3	..	75	..	300	168 00	32 00	1,243 00	Gifford.	
Rotterdam, First.	Alexander Hill.	168	1	5	1	..	2	197	4	..	..	..	..	124	180 00	25 00	1,160 00	Pattersonville.
Rotterdam, Second.	John Calvin Knox.	98	7	1	..	..	1	116	5	3	..	..	..	121	40 00	1 00	1,414 00	Schenectady.
Schenectady, First.	A. C. Sewell.	284	12	19	1	..	9	458	18	4	..	..	..	684	1,215 00	123 00	\$10,730 00	Schenectady.
Schenectady, Second.	Geo. Edwin Talmage.	200	16	19	12	..	13	399	5	6	..	..	..	505	233 00	92 00	4,768 00	Schenectady.
Total	.....	1531	78	78	60	..	51	2066	48	27	251	664	83	3011	\$2,745 00	\$354 00	\$29,531 00	N. Y.

* Revised List. † \$458 on church debt. ‡ \$200 for repairs. § \$5,436 for church renovation and repairs.

Other Ministers—Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Saratoga, N. Y.; Rev. Joseph B. Thyme, Johnstown, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd	Disseesd.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	Mo. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Object.	Other Objects.	Beneficent.	
Beaumont	Herbert B. Roberts	94	8	8	1	1	1	108	3	3	3	50	1	60	\$35 65	\$3 45	\$375 00	Berne, N. Y.
Berne	Herbert B. Roberts	61	2	2	1	1	1	118	5	5	5	71	1	89	186 11	9 04	954 85	Berne,
Breakabeen	William W. Whitney	46	6	6	1	1	2	50	8	8	10	15	1	95	35 35	5 35	385 00	North Blenheim
Central Bridge.	James Jougnessel	58	4	4	2	2	46	4	4	4	3	1	1	50	35 20	3 50	1,161 00	Central Bridge,
Cobleskill	Vacant	28	4	4	2	2	28	9	9	9	3	1	1	40	15 14	.....	407 00	Cobleskill.
Enthence	Vacant	*10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	.....	.....	.....	Kennecott,
Galloprille	Vacant	35	3	3	4	4	35	9	9	9	3	1	1	76	50 25	22 45	906 19	Galloprille,
Gilboa	John H. Scarlet	65	30	4	1	1	4	133	54	54	3	1	1	80	36 11	7 55	416 30	Gilboa
Howe's Cove	James Jougnessel	45	4	4	1	1	2	70	3	3	3	1	1	86	55 00	9 00	565 00	Central Bridge,
Lawrenceville	Vacant	50	11	2	2	2	15	85	6	6	6	1	1	129	54 71	145 00	1,258 70	Cobleskill,
Middleburgh	Charles W. Picher	130	2	2	2	2	15	156	7	7	7	35	1	160	36 57	0 00	70 85	Middleburgh,
Grand Gorge	Charles M. Dixon	32	10	1	1	1	38	38	3	3	3	18	1	73	38 51	2 05	580 65	Prattville,
North Blenheim	William W. Whitney	48	6	1	1	1	2	60	3	3	3	18	1	60	36 05	10 85	461 37	North Blenheim,
Prattville	Charles M. Dixon	70	5	5	1	1	2	43	3	3	3	30	1	90	12 04	29 35	906 57	Prattville,
Schoharie.	William C. Handy	60	8	8	9	9	2	74	1	1	1	30	1	90	10 30	.....	363 64	Schoharie,
Sharon	Isaac Messier	50	5	5	1	1	1	50	3	3	3	1	1	40	5 00	.....	150 00	Sharon Centre,
South Gilboa	John H. Scarlet, S. S.	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1112	\$ 703 90	\$ 354 97	\$9,006 35	Gilboa,
Total		594	97	94	28	32	1947	301	63	12	1278	16	16	1112	\$ 703 90	\$ 354 97	\$9,006 35	

* Last Year's Report.

Other Ministers—Edward Miller, Cobleskill, N. Y.; Edwin Voller, Schoharie, N. Y.; John S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; D. E. Van Doren, S. C., Mechanville, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					C C & B.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Number of Families.	On Confirmation	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized	Members of Churches.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Blue Mountain	J. Van der Meulen, P. S.	110	18	2	1	1	1	6	207	11	2	127	1	128	171 90	51 01	734 65	Favus.
Ch. of the Comfort	J. Edgar Wine	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	171	1	1	171	1	172	113 00	51 01	704 10	Kingston.
Knopus	Is. W. Cole	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	186	1	1	187	1	188	113 00	51 01	704 10	Ulster Park.
Flatbush	Richard DeWitt	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	186	1	1	187	1	188	113 00	51 01	704 10	Ulster Park.
Jay Gould Memorial	A. H. Demarest	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	186	1	1	187	1	188	113 00	51 01	704 10	Ulster Park.
Kingsman	A. J. Spring	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	186	1	1	187	1	188	113 00	51 01	704 10	Ulster Park.
Kingston	J. G. Van Slyke	274	20	15	1	1	1	10	538	1	1	539	1	540	400 00	50 51	1,089 00	Kingston.
Port Ewen	Vacant	110	4	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Platkill	W. W. Rose	107	3	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shandaken	Denia Wortman	107	3	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
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Shokan	Vacant	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1	234	1	235	240 00	50 00	1,089 00	Kingston.
Shokan	George Niemeyer	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	1</							

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Number of Communicants.	No of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Belmont, Anderson Mem	Vacant	29	8	1	1	1	40	6	1	1	1	1	135	\$ 906 25	\$ 304 00	\$ 1,012 40	Belmont, New York City.
Bronxville	Wm. S. C. Webster.	50	8	1	1	1	180	10	1	1	1	1	107	23 18	22 00	1,294 74	Bronxville, " "
Cortlandtown	Henry Smith.	108	3	1	1	1	169	10	1	1	1	1	189	709 46	319 36	1,876 00	Montrose, N. Y.
Fordham	Joseph M. Hodson.	116	3	1	1	1	225	10	1	1	1	1	180	34 30	319 36	4,361 30	Fordham, New York City.
Greenburgh	G. A. T. Goebel.	40	3	1	1	1	74	3	1	1	1	1	95	50 50	5 00	616 31	Elmsford, N. Y.
Greenville	J. A. Harper.	43	3	1	1	1	94	1	1	1	1	1	125	19 00	5 00	1,072 31	Scarsdale, " "
Hastings	O. L. Stalgosc.	127	6	1	1	1	247	20	1	1	1	1	130	19 00	5 00	1,298 00	Hastings-on-Hudson, " "
+Melrose	Geo. H. Miller.	145	11	4	1	1	226	20	1	1	1	1	204	904 53	79 44	2,286 00	748 Elton Ave., N. Y. City.
Mt. Vernon	C. H. Tyndal.	100	4	1	1	1	183	5	1	1	1	1	180	903 07	37 40	3,406 00	1878 63rd Av. M. L. Vernon, N. Y.
Park Hill	Henry de Vries.	104	8	1	1	1	190	9	1	1	1	1	190	85 00	15 00	9,747 74	873 S. B'way Av. Yonkers, " "
Peekskill	John K. Allen.	120	3	1	1	1	178	2	1	1	1	1	315	936 00	500 00	1,357 00	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown, First.	Arthur F. Mabon.	68	3	1	1	1	86	1	1	1	1	1	193	270 00	15 58	7,194 00	Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown, Second	Albert Kuiper.	60	3	1	1	1	86	1	1	1	1	1	73	43 43	80 88	9,319 08	Tarrytown, " "
Unionville	Vacant	35	2	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	74	33 40	80 88	580 00	Neperan, " "
West Farms	T. E. Inglis.	+150	1	4	5	3	419	18	1	1	1	1	190	356 00	66 00	5,908 00	West Farms, " "
Yonkers	Total.	1,576	106	77	87	1	5,250	113	30	535	300	18	2,546	\$ 3,966 34	\$ 1,263 06	\$ 52,007 12	Yonkers, " "

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Other Ministers.—John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; W. W. Reed, Am. Tract Society; Howard Harris, Japan; J. Henry Berthoff, Yonkers, N. Y.; James Bolton, Roydsfield, N. J.; Henry J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.; L. C. Andrews, White Plains, N. Y.; F. M. Bogardus, Aubury Park, N. J.; David Cole, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. Frank S. Scudder, Japan; Rev. A. D. D. Fraser, Amoy, China.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. O. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	Rec'd					Total now in Com- munion.	BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communion.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Discharged.	Suspended.	Died.		Infants.	Adults.					Denominational.	Other Objects.			
Alto.	Henry Harmeling.	158	12	4	4	1	378	18	2	410	205	1	235	1	\$746 00	\$510 00	\$1,350 00	Alto, Fond du Lac Co. Wis.	
Bethany.	Gerrit J. Bekhuis.	172	16	2	2	6	184	21	3	177	140	2	140	2	265 90	28 47	2,454 97	325 W. 11th St., Chicago, Ill.	
Cedar Grove.	H. J. Voldman.	190	20	8	2	5	187	11	1	365	300	1	300	1	705 90	75 30	965 74	Cedar Grove, Sheboygan Co.	
First, Chicago.	R. H. Joldersma.	281	7	2	19	2	878	51	1	740	255	3	255	3	273 10	50 25	5,092 65	195 Hastings St., Chicago, Ill.	
Danforth.	J. de Haan, P. E.	67	1	1	2	1	68	9	1	170	65	1	65	1	118 54	...	710 70	Danforth, Ironquels Co., Ill.	
De Motte.	Vacant.	16	1	1	1	1	38	4	1	34	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	De Motte, Ind.
Ebenezer.	Vacant.	38	1	1	1	1	48	4	1	300	70	1	70	1	54 90	...	272 14	Morrison, Whiteside Co., Ill.	
Englewood.	Lawrence Dystra.	150	20	19	15	1	270	41	6	380	300	1	300	1	227 00	484 27	2,713 53	948 W. 63d St., Chicago, Ill.	
Franklin.	Vacant.	17	5	1	1	1	27	53	1	30	80	1	80	1	38 00	...	273 88	Heelyon, Milwaukee Co. Wis.	
Gau.	W. J. Duker.	240	15	2	2	2	316	53	1	750	290	1	290	1	358 97	265 40	2,046 81	Fulton, Whiteside Co., Ill.	
Gibbsville.	Vacant.	140	3	7	5	1	148	30	3	300	150	1	150	1	130 60	11 00	1,164 90	1163 S. Clark St., Chicago.	
Gibbsville.	Henry Hoopers.	145	...	9	1	1	265	14	3	384	150	1	150	1	293 58	37 78	1,542 88	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co.	
Greenbush.	Vacant.	12	...	1	1	1	20	13	1	156	68	1	68	1	38 00	30 00	31 00	Greenbush, Sheboygan Co.	
Greenleaf.	A. Oosterhoff.	68	5	2	1	1	133	1	1	156	68	1	68	1	295 47	97 53	1,147 48	Greenleaf, Fillmore Co.	
Hingham.	Vacant.	490	2	2	2	2	42	1	1	40	100	4	100	4	15 00	5 04	330 48	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co.	
Hop.	John Sietema.	97	6	5	2	1	107	21	1	195	65	1	65	1	69 66	...	893 00	1015 N. 10th St., Sheboygan.	
Kenosha.	Vacant.	12	8	...	4	1	24	5	1	35	31	1	31	1	...	...	...	Kenosha, Wis.
Koster.	Vacant.	16	2	2	1	1	35	2	1	59	25	1	25	1	...	...	138 90	Koster, Kenosha Co., Ill.
Lafayette.	C. Helten.	43	3	3	3	3	72	6	1	96	80	1	80	1	30 16	30 43	435 00	Lafayette, Ind.	
Landung.	P. Swart.	51	3	3	3	3	83	9	1	130	97	1	97	1	...	...	940 10	Landung, Cook Co., Ill.
Milwaukee.	Wm. Moordijk.	117	12	7	13	1	209	35	1	303	160	1	160	1	909 00	105 00	2,975 00	273 10th St., Milwaukee, Wis.	
Oostburg.	J. H. Kurien.	44	8	1	1	1	185	9	1	190	80	1	80	1	114 61	91 00	577 00	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co., Wis.	
First, Roseland.	Balater Van Een.	359	24	18	3	9	753	68	1	760	500	1	500	1	950 13	...	6,821 88	10710 Michigan Ave., Chicago.	
Randolph Center.	John Engelman, P. E.	35	8	1	1	1	42	7	1	15	30	1	30	1	97 00	...	128 00	Randolph Center, Col. Co.	
Sheboygan Falls.	John Sietema.	158	4	3	3	3	147	1	1	64	35	1	35	1	46 00	...	173 00	1015 N. 10th St., Sheboygan.	
South Holland.	John Brock.	158	4	2	3	3	220	24	1	328	156	2	156	2	407 35	78 48	1,638 18	South Holland, Cook Co., Ill.	
Waukegan.	J. Meulendyke.	48	7	2	2	1	104	4	2	90	75	1	75	1	145 87	104 25	483 20	Waukegan, Fond du Lac Co., Wis.	
Total.		3,228	186	120	126	14	55	4,612	455	17	6,886	3,150	27	3,150	27	\$6,568 90	\$2,068 30	\$25,448 71	

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Other Ministers.—Rev. H. Boegema, Hamilton, Minn.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Committee on Necrology presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully report as follows :

GEORGE ROCKWELL died at Tarrytown, N. Y., July 1st, 1897. He was born at South Salem (now Lewisboro) Westchester Co., N. Y., January 17th, 1821. He removed with his father in 1831, to Tarrytown Heights (now Pocantico Hills), and became first a pupil, and afterwards a teacher, in the Irving Institute at Tarrytown. He subsequently entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, graduated in 1851, and in the same year was licensed by the Classis of Westchester. His first charge was at Waterloo, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he was ordained and continued to labor from 1851 to 1854. His next charge was the Church of the Thousand Isles at Alexandria Bay, on the St. Lawrence River and covered this period from 1854 to 1877. Increasing deafness obliged him to give up this pastorate, and he made his home at Fulton, Oswego Co., N. Y. In 1882 he removed to New York City and in 1885 to Tarrytown, where he lived until his death. He twice married, first to Miss Sarah L. Tunis ; next to Miss Humy Mundy. Two sons were born in the first union, who survive ; and two daughters in the second, one of whom and the mother, still live. The great and enduring work of Mr. Rockwell's life was accomplished in connection with the Church of the Thousand Isles. This church was started as a missionary station in 1847 through the influence and efforts of the Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Bethune. It was organized in 1851. Mr. Rockwell's faithful and self-denying labors for that people, in season and out of season, combined with his soundness in the faith, and his spirit of true devotion to the honor of God and the welfare of men, made a profound and lasting impression, not only upon his own flock, but upon the whole community. He will be remembered with love and gratitude for years to come. With a patience that was never

exhausted, with a simplicity and godly sincerity that knew no guile, and with a rare good sense and intellectual ability that was adequate to all occasions he went on year after year, doing good to all men, especially to them who were of the household of faith. So that when at last, he resigned his charge, his resignation was received with universal sorrow, and the people mourned because they were losing a father and a friend. He had an able and active mind, and wrote with great facility. He published in 1874 a pamphlet, entitled "Ebenezer," which was a historical discourse concerning the church in which he had labored so long. Besides this he published several descriptive accounts of the localities and scenery around Alexandria Bay, which were afterwards revised and issued as a guide book to that region. For two years previous to his death, he had been in failing health, but the decline was gradual, without any abrupt or striking change in his condition. It was a gentle transmission from earth and time into the light and joy of the life immortal. His funeral took place at his late residence and the interment was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

DAVID WATERS died at Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 4, 1897. He was born at Harland, parish of Odrig, County of Caithness, Scotland, January 18, 1828. He was the eldest son of Donald Waters and Jean Baikie. In 1840 the family removed to Canada, settling first in Kingston, and afterwards in 1843, in the township of Williams, Middlesex County, where his father bought a farm. After two or three years of work on his father's farm, he began to teach school. His own schooling had been limited to a few years in Castletown, Caithness, and in Kingston, but while on the farm he had never ceased to read and study. He also spent some months in the office of a physician, and while there received an injury to his right knee, which gave him life-long trouble. He continued to teach school in Middlesex County, until 1855, contemplating the law at first, but afterwards the ministry. In 1854 he married Agnes, daughter of William Whillans, a native of the parish of Southdean, County of Roxbor-

ough, Scotland. In 1855 he matriculated at Toronto University, and having obtained a clerkship in the Post Office Department, he removed his family to Toronto, in the fall of that year. He took the degree of B. A. in 1859 and of M. A. in 1860. During his undergraduate course he held the scholarship in oriental languages, and won the prize in that department at graduation. He studied theology in the Divinity Hall of the United Presbyterian Church. His first pastorate was at Southampton and Dumblane, where he was ordained and installed in 1861. In 1863 he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope. In 1868 he took charge at St. Mary's, and in 1873 accepted a call to St. David's Church, at St. John's, N. B. In 1881 he entered upon his last pastorate, the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J. In 1893, forced by a serious illness and subsequent weakness, he offered his resignation, which took effect on the twelfth anniversary of that pastorate. From the University of Toronto he received the degree of LL.B. in 1869 and of LL.D in 1870 and the degree of D.D. from Rutgers College in 1882. During his ministry in Canada he took an active interest in educational matters. He held the office of Superintendent of Schools in Southampton and Port Hope, and Inspector of Schools in St. Mary's, being at the same time a member of the Board of Education of their respective counties. For several years he was Secretary of the Home Mission Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and during another period Secretary of the Committee of Bills and Overtures of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church. During his connection with the Reformed Church his business aptitude was made available in similar ways. He was a member of the Councils of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches at Belfast in 1884, London 1888, Toronto 1892 and Glasgow 1896. Of the latter two he was appointed one of the Secretaries. At the time of his death he was Recording Secretary of the Western Section of the Alliance. He also rendered valuable services as a member of the Board of Domestic Missions of our Church, and as a member of the Board of Superintendents of our Theological Seminary.

He was possessed of a variety of gifts. He was a correct and well-read theologian, a distinguished linguist and able preacher, a painstaking and diligent pastor. He was well read in almost every department of literature, and made historical research a constant study. He was thoroughly conversant with church law, and the business of Church Courts in which he took an active part, and in which his keen debating powers were exercised. His frequent literary contributions stamped him a ready, pungent and most entertaining writer. He was a tender-hearted man, and in his liberality open-hearted. He never cherished animosity toward an opponent. He was ever ready to help the young and inexperienced, and to assist in any enterprises that had for their aim the welfare of humanity. On the platform and in the Church Courts he showed only one part of his character, and that, as in the case of public men, not always the most attractive. But in his home and in the circle of intimate friends, the human and lovable predominated. He was the ideal of honor, and could not stoop to any action that savored of meanness. That led him to denounce the conduct of men, both in Church and State, who sought to promote their own interests, or those of party, beyond the common good. In brief, he was a man of stalwart independence, vigorous thought and speech, combined with unusual candor, honesty of purpose, and consecration to truth and duty. Upon resigning his charge in Newark, he resided in that city for three years, removing to Halifax in 1896. His last illness, caused by Bright's disease, was brief and painless. His wife and two children, a son and daughter, survive him.

HENRY MATTICE died at Unionville, N. Y., August 12th, 1897. He was born in Schoharie Co., N. Y., August 16th, 1822. His early life was passed on the farm of his father. He was much interested in Sunday School work and before he had fully given himself to the Master, was the superintendent of the school, in which he had been brought up. Later he was sent west as a missionary, by one of the churches of Albany. His work was chiefly

in Kansas, where he established about one hundred and fifty Sunday Schools. Many times he rode a hundred miles on horse-back, to attend a convention. Many prominent churches of that state have grown out of his work. In 1861 he was licensed by the New School Presbytery in Kansas, and in 1868 was ordained by the Old School Presbytery at Kaskaski, Ill. From 1859 to 1864 he continued his missionary labors, and in the latter year became an agent of the United States Christian Commission, serving as such until 1866. From 1867 to 1868 he supplied a church at Trenton, Ill., was a missionary again during 1869, when he came east on a visit. From 1869 to 1871 he supplied the church at West New Hempstead, and in 1871 was received into the Classis of Paramus. From 1871 to 1873 he was assistant superintendent of the House of Industry and missionary pastor of Calvary Chapel, N. Y. He established the first Italian Mission in that city. He then accepted a call to the church at Coytesville, where he labored several years; leaving it to go to the Morgan St. Mission, at Jersey City, where he established the Free Church, of which he was pastor for nine years. Being in ill health, he accepted a call to the Church of Unionville, and afterwards to the First Church of Hoboken. The building was shortly destroyed by fire, and he held services in the rooms of the Young Mens' Christian Association. Through effort which broke down his health he erected a new edifice which is a monument to his zeal and energy. The life he lived seems to have been full of change, yet always along the one line of useful, consecrated, Christian service. It is a matter of interest that while serving as Chaplain during the Civil War, he was captured by Quantral, the famous guerilla leader, but was speedily released when he made his mission known. As a missionary in the west, in barns, log-cabins and school houses, he sowed the seed which has sprung up so abundantly. The last ten months of his life were marked by extreme suffering. What had been an iron constitution, was disintegrating. At the beginning of his illness he was in a strait betwixt two. Toward the end he desired to depart, and died without a struggle. He leaves a widow, and two

children by a former marriage. The funeral services were held in the Middle Collegiate Church, N. Y., and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Cypress Hills.

LAUREN VANDERVEER, died at Schenectady, N. Y., August 17th, 1897. He was born near Amsterdam, N. Y., September 6th, 1856. At about eleven years of age he removed to Schenectady with his parents, entered the Union School and graduated from the Classical Institute in 1874. That same year he entered Union College, graduating therefrom with honor, in 1878. He entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1879 and graduated in 1882. He then supplied for a short time the Third Reformed Church of Albany, N. Y., and in 1883 was ordained pastor of the Reformed Church of Rotterdam. He severed his connection with that church in 1889, and took up the work of the Mount Pleasant Church in 1890, in which he labored earnestly and beyond his strength. Never very robust, he was obliged to give up his charge in June, 1896. Mount Pleasant was a growing suburb of Schenectady, and he began work there as a missionary under the direction of Classis, and when organization took place in 1892, he became permanent supply. The present prosperous condition of that church shows the fruit of his toil. For nearly eighteen months previous to his decease, he struggled against disease. Through it all his faith stood firm. He said "I am in my Lord's hands, for ministry, for waiting, for suffering or for death." He was always an active, earnest worker, a kind and sympathetic friend to the poor and suffering, always ready to lend his voice and hand in the furtherance of any good and noble cause. Wherever duty called he was faithful to it. He realized deeply the solemn responsibility and the divine character of the ministry. In pulpit and pastorate, in Classis and Christian Association work ; in his home caring tenderly for his widowed mother and afflicted sister, everywhere he did his best to fill the place in which Providence put him. His body was taken to Minaville, N. Y., and interred beside that of his mother, who had passed away only a few months before.

ELBERT NEVIUS, died at Stuyvesant, N. Y., September 29th, 1897. He was born at Six Mile Run (now Franklin Park), N. J. In early boyhood he moved to Western New York, where his father settled on a farm near the village of Ovid on the shore of Seneca Lake. At the Ovid Academy he prepared for Rutgers College, graduating in 1830. Not having the ministry in view at that time, a year elapsed before he entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, where he finished his course in 1834. He was ordained by the Classis of Cayuga, and engaged in service at Lyons in 1835, and at Arcadia '35-'36. In the meantime he had married Maria Louisa Condict, and in 1836, he in company with Revs. Ennis, Doty, Youngblood, and the wives of all, and Miss Condict, a sister of Mrs. Nevius, responded to the call for Foreign work. They had expected to enter China, but the way was closed, and they settled on the neighboring island of Borneo. In 1844 Mr. Nevius returned to America, spent two years in presenting the work of missions among the churches, and in 1846, accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Stuyvesant, where he remained in active charge for forty years. After serving the church at Stuyvesant Falls for three years, as stated supply, he returned to Stuyvesant, to complete the years of active work. His father and an older brother, were men of strong religious character, and from them he received impressions which influenced his life. At a time when such scruples were ridiculed, they abolished the use of intoxicating liquor in harvesting. In the year between College and Seminary, the religious convictions of Mr. Nevius were deepened, and decided his life work. The difficulties attending Foreign Missionary service were very great, at the time he entered upon it. While at Borneo, he penetrated regions where no white man had previously entered. The continued ill-health of his wife compelled his return to this country. His earnest labors here, were abundantly blessed. His was one of the most Christ-like of lives, and the character he presented seemed well nigh the perfected fruit of Christian faith. He was a man of quick sympathies and strong affection. Friendly to every one, every one was a friend to him.

especially between himself and children, was love mutual, His mind was a rich store house. From youth he had accustomed himself to memorize large portions of scriptures; also hymns, and poems expressive of religious thought. Hence he was ready with apt quotations, and when with advancing years, came sleeplessness, he beguiled the night watches by reviewing these treasures of his mind. He was remarkably gifted in public prayer; reverent, comprehensive, using beautiful language and abounding in biblical expressions; all uttered in child-like faith. He never lost interest in missions. This need of the world and work of the church always had a large place in his heart and prayers. He presented the cause monthly from the pulpit, and was proverbially a liberal giver to it, and to all good works. His was a remarkable old age. It was only during the last year of the ninety that he lived, that he manifested any of the infirmities of age; and then there was only a gradual weakening of bodily vigor, while his mind remained unimpaired to the last. Eleven years before his own death, his wife passed away. Of eight children, three survive, two sons and a daughter, who devotedly cared for him in the closing days of his life. Of him it may be said that one has gone home who was full of the Holy Ghost and of faith.

GEORGE JAMES VAN NESTE died at Millstone, N. J., January 18, 1898. He was born at Weston, N. J., September 22, 1822. He was in the seventh generation from Peter Van Nest, of Amsterdam, Holland, who came to Long Island in 1647. The grandson of this original settler, in 1712 bought lands near Millstone, N. J., and started a Van Neste branch at Weston, two miles north. The subject of this sketch was educated in Classical Academies at Millstone and Somerville. He entered Rutgers College in 1838 and graduated in 1842. When he began study he was positively hostile to religion. His conversion occurred about the middle of his college course, through the instrumentality of a classmate. On graduation he entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. His course there was interrupted for one

year by the death of both father and mother, on two successive days in 1844. He graduated in 1846 and was immediately licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick. His pastorates were at Bound Brook 1847-1853, Lodi 1853-1865, West New Hempstead 1865-1869, Little Falls 1869-1875, St. Johnsville, 1875-1879, Kiskatom 1879-1886, Flatbush, N. Y., 1886-1888, Pottersville 1888-1892. It is worthy of note that his college class exceeded by far all others in the history of the institution in giving the largest proportion of membership to the gospel ministry. Sooner or later twenty-three of its men studied to that end. Three died before completion of studies, and one turned to the medical profession. Nineteen entered the service. Fourteen, just one-half the class, have given their lives to work in our own denomination. The life of Mr. Van Neste was characterized by conscientiousness in preaching and work, habitual lowliness of self-estimate, sense of dependence on the Holy Spirit for success, willingness to accept conditions as assigned, to work under them and even be grateful for their discipline; gratitude for blessing upon labor, interest in souls and special interest in young people, and in directing young men into the ministry of the gospel; deep concern respecting personal salvation, and absolute entrustment of himself to Christ as his Saviour. Ten men prepared under him for the ministry, most of whom he had welcomed into the Church. At the time of his retirement in 1892 a written communication to a friend reveals something of his character. He felt that he had sought to be faithful in his labors, yet in review discovered much to lament. His constant aim had been to give to his hearers the mind of the Spirit, leaving results with the Lord, thus seeking to edify the body of Christ and save souls. The occupation of difficult and trying fields of labor from first to last, he felt had been for his good; to test faith, patience and faithfulness. He had been given grace to do and endure all; and had received blessing in his work, and at times marked favor in revivals of piety and liberal addition to the Church. Subjected at times to serious doubt as to his own salvation, yet he rose superior to

them, with renewed strength of faith and brightness of hope. So he lived and died, an humble, devoted servant of his Lord. He had married in 1845 Margaret Ann Buckelew, a woman of deeply conscientious spirit, and noted for her love of God's Word. She was called away in 1892. Five children were born to them, of whom two survive. The funeral of Mr. Van Neste was held in the Reformed Church of Millstone, and was largely attended, many of his brethren in the ministry being present.

JOHN LUKAS DE YOUNG, died at San Diego, California, February 6th, 1898. He was born at Roseland, Ill., December 12th, 1872. His parents were of sturdy Dutch pioneer stock. Recognizing his desire for study, they dispensed with his much needed services, and gave to him the privilege of a higher education. With great sacrifice he was sent to Hope College, where he gave evidence of exceptional mental gifts. He took the Junior and Senior class work in one year, graduating in 1893. He then decided upon the ministry, and entering the Princeton Seminary, graduated in 1896. He had a remarkably retentive memory, and while a good all around student, standing in the fore-front of his class, he had a special aptitude for linguistic study. Under stimulus, there seemed to be no limit to the work he could do. He won a valuable Hebrew fellowship, which demanded a thesis, a special examination, and a high average in the Hebrew work of the Senior year. On graduation, he received a call to the American Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa. His fellowship demanded a post-graduate course, for one year. This was arranged for by the courtesy of the Princeton faculty, and he entered upon his pastorate. He began this work under most propitious circumstances. He was well trained in the scriptures, soundly Calvinistic in his views, in love with his work, active, systematic and enthusiastic in his labors, and beloved by the people of his charge. In little more than a year, symptoms of consumption appeared, and he went to California. Five months more he lingered and then passed away in the presence of his uncle, his mother and the kind strangers with whom

he lodged, triumphing in the faith. "Tell the boys to be faithful," was his last message to them. Endowed with rare mental gifts, enriched by wide and discriminating reading; capable of developing unwonted and sustained effort; wielding a pen, facile, sharp, convincing, particularly when directed against the attack of higher critics, on the integrity and genuineness of the Bible; the theological world may mourn in him the loss of an accomplished scholar, a sound thinker, a vigorous writer, an able critic, and a zealous vindicator of the truth. He was an earnest preacher, and one of our most promising workers. Among the boys, he was noted for geniality and good-will. In touch with social life, he was acknowledged a fellow and friend. His class-mates respected and loved him. Every door opened to him in welcome. He had no enemies; never thought of his own comfort in serving others; and went to the extreme of self-sacrifice. Hearts were melted by the touch of his hand, the warmth of his soul, the inspiration and helpfulness of his presence. In the words of the Classis of Dakota, he was an "an amiable and devoted Christian, an earnest worker in the Kingdom of our Lord." His remains were brought to Roseland, where funeral services were held, and then conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery by class-mates in the ministry.

GUIDO FRIDOLIN VERBECK, died at Tokyo, Japan, March 9th, 1898. He was born in Zeist, province of Utrecht, Netherlands, January 23d, 1830. His father Charles Henry William Verbeck, was then, and for twenty-five years afterwards, burgo-master of Zeist. His parents were Lutherans, but attended the Moravian Church. Desiring to become a civil engineer, he pursued his studies in the Moravian Academy in his native town, and with the principal of the Polytechnic Institute at Utrecht. Coming to this country, he followed his chosen profession until 1856, when he felt called to preach the gospel, entered the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., and graduated in 1859. The question of establishing a mission in Japan, was at that time being considered by our Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. S. R. Brown had already volunteered his

services. A proposition to accompany him, was made to Mr. Verbeck. He accepted it, and in February, 1859, received his appointment. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Cayuga, and transferred to the Classis of Cayuga. He married Maria Manion of Philadelphia, and they sailed for Japan in May, in company with Dr. and Mrs. Brown. From 1859 to 1869, he resided at Nagasaki, engaged in teaching. It is worthy of note that he there baptized a Japanese officer, who, in 1863, gave him a warning by which he escaped imminent peril, if not loss of life. Among his students were young men who afterward became prominent in the new government, which succeeded the revolution of 1868. They summoned him from Tokyo (or Yeddo, as it was then called), to give advice and aid in forming their new institutions, and in 1869, he removed to that city. For nine years he remained in close connection with the government, giving shape to and supervising the government university. At various times he taught in the Theological School at Tokyo, but such work was distasteful to him. He accompanied the first deputation of Japanese to the outside world on their tour among the nations of Europe. For this and other services, he received from the government, the decoration of the third class, of the Rising Sun, which entitled him to appear at all public and court receptions. From 1889 to 1890, he visited this country. By long absence, he had lost citizenship. This he desired to renew, but there were insuperable legal objections. Returning to Japan he expressed willingness to become a citizen of that country. In response the government granted him such privileges, that his case is considered the only one of its kind on record. Since 1890 he has resided at Tokyo with his eldest daughter who is connected with the American Episcopal Mission, his wife and other children remaining in this country. A full use of the material at hand, concerning the life and work of Mr. Verbeck would occupy the greater portion of the space allotted to the whole of this report. He was an extraordinary man. His missionary spirit was aroused and fostered through early attendance upon the Moravian Missionary meetings. He delighted in and

gave much time to the translation of the scriptures. But the work in which he took most pleasure, especially of late years, and for which he was peculiarly fitted, was that of public address in lectures and evangelistic preaching. His knowledge of the language, conformity to Japanese custom and etiquette, attractive personality and wide reputation throughout the Empire, made him everywhere welcome, and gave him large and attentive audiences. It is extremely difficult to summarize briefly the life and labors of this highly honored and most useful man. He was a scholar, patient, searching, profound, exact. His mind possessed the sagacity and grasp of the accomplished statesman. He was counsellor to the government, the promotor of education, the influential advocate of the best social reform, a power in all departments operating for the regeneration of a great people, respected and honored as the faithful ambassador from the court of heaven. His faith saw the eventual triumph of the cross. Yet in all, his modesty was as conspicuous as in other things. To quote from high authority outside of our own church, we have in him "an illustration of what a man of strong nature and fine culture can do, when he has the courage to use his consecrated powers. Dr. Verbeck has impressed his stamp on the whole future history of renovated Japan. The country which will give impulse and direction to all Eastern Asia, will feel his influence and will hold his name in reverence throughout all the centuries of its future history. This plain, modest, forceful, learned, devoted missionary will be remembered as are St. Augustine in England, St. Patrick in Ireland, and Ulfilas, the missionary to the Goths." He had been ailing for several weeks, and there were symptoms of angina pectoris, but his condition was not considered serious. Five days before death he had gone to Yokohama to consult with Mr. Ballagh concerning a short missionary tour he proposed to make; but experienced sharp pains in the region of the heart while ascending the bluff to Mr. Ballagh's residence. Returning home, he spoke to his daughter of pressure on the breast, but neither of them thought of it with special alarm. This was in the

morning of the day of his death. At noon his lunch was brought. He had just seated himself to partake of it, when there was a gurgling sound in the throat, and he at once passed away. Funeral services were held in the Shiba Church, March 12th, and were participated in by several missionaries and native ministers. High officials of the Imperial Household Department and others. were present. His decoration of the Rising Sun, was borne in procession on a velvet cushion and placed on the coffin. Soldiers escorted the body to the Cemetery, and the Emperor sent a gift. to aid in defraying the funeral expenses. So passed the man without a country, yet claimed by three, Holland, America, Japan ; universally loved, universally mourned.

EDWARD O. CHICKERING died at Reynolds, N.Y., March 12th, 1898. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 9th, 1866. From that city his parents removed to Catskill, where he attended the Academy. There he obtained a scholarship in Cornell University, which he entered and studied civil engineering. During his course he heard the call of the Master, and decided to study for the ministry. He entered Rutgers College, from which he graduated in 1891. While in college he was a great athlete, and became Physical Director in the Young Men's Christian Association, where he began to use his influence for good over both the bodies and souls of others. He entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick and graduated in 1894. During his course there he spent several months abroad, and also labored at Ridgewood Park, Brooklyn, and at Highland Beach, N. J. After his ordination he accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Raritan, Ill., where he remained for three years. During that time he published a book on "God's Word on Baptism," with "The Voice of History." Last June he came East, and in November accepted a call to Reynolds, N. Y. But before he was installed he was taken ill with typhoid fever, which, in sixteen days, cut off a life of much promise. Mr. Chickering was a genuine Christian, living out before men the truths he preached. Conscientious in all

he did, he lived near to what was right. Possessed of a tender heart, he drew to him both old and young. The consistory of his former charge at Raritan bear testimony to his scholarly attainments, his earnest piety, his devotion to the cause of Christ and his loyalty to the Church. During the four months he was at Reynolds he had, by his kind and loving ways, surrounded himself with many friends. He was extremely interested and took an active part in everything concerning the welfare of the Church, and everything gave promise of a very successful ministry there. He had married about one year before his death, and about one month after it a daughter was born. The funeral services took place in the Church of Schaghticoke (Reynolds), the consistory acting as pall-bearers. His remains were removed to Mechanicsville, and afterwards to their resting place in Plainfield, N.J., where the parents of his widow reside.

JOHN FERGUSON HARRIS died at Cherry Hill, N. J., March 14th, 1898. He was born in New York City October 13th, 1828. He was the son of Francis Charles Harris, and the grandson of John Ferguson, at one time Mayor of New York City, and afterwards naval officer of the port of New York. He united when very young with the Collegiate Church ; graduated from Rutgers College in 1853, and from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick in 1856. In that same year he was licensed by the Classis of New York, and by the Classis of Poughkeepsie was ordained, and installed as pastor over the Church at Cold Spring. Remaining there a little more than one year, he then became pastor of the Church of Pompton Plains from 1858 to 1867 ; of the Churches of Hurley and North Marbletown from 1867 to 1876, and of Hurley from 1876 to 1878. From 1878-1886 he lived at Kingston without charge, that he might have a home for his sons, who had just started their business career in that city. In 1886 he accepted the pastorate of the Church at Cherry Hill, in which he continued until 1891. His next charge was at Spotswood, from 1891 to 1893. During that time his health had been failing. He was

urged to give up service, but always answered, "I want to continue my work just as long as I am able to do so." Accordingly, he accepted in 1893 a call to the Church at Hyde Park. In January, 1898, his physician positively forbade him to continue in the pastorate, and he thereupon resigned. He immediately went to the home of his daughter in Cherry Hill, and in less than two months departed from this life. Mr. Harris in his youth gave himself to the work of the ministry, and continued therein faithful to the end. Lovingly and constantly he pointed out to his fellow-men the way of life. With the invitation and the promises of the Word, he sought to guide the erring, to cheer the weary and to comfort the sorrowing. The Classis of Poughkeepsie, within whose bounds he began and ended his work, has entered upon its minutes its loving testimony to his Christian character and conduct, and to his faithfulness as a minister of the gospel. He especially endeared himself to young people, and was greatly devoted to work in their interest. He married Susanna Romeyn, daughter of Rev. Benj. C. Taylor. She entered into rest before him. Two sons and a daughter survive. When at last he retired to this daughter's home, he was in the final stages of Bright's disease. At his request the funeral services were held in the Second Reformed Church of Hackensack, and the burial took place in the Hackensack Cemetery.

WILLIAM BRUSH died at Morristown, N. J., March 15th, 1898. He was born in New York City May 23d, 1809. His parents were among the founders of the Franklin Street Church in 1808. Nine children were born to them, of whom William was the youngest. In 1826, at seventeen years of age, he united with the church, and that same year entered Rutgers College, from which he graduated in 1830. After the death of his class-mate, the Rev. Elbert Nevius, last September, he was the oldest living Alumnus of the College. Entering the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, he graduated in 1833. That Class has now entirely passed away. Mr. Brush was licensed by the Classis of New York, and in the Spring of

1834 was ordained, and installed as pastor over the newly-organized Church of Guilford, N. Y., which he served until 1851. He then labored at Tarrytown for one year, when he accepted a call to the church of Bedminster, N. J., where he remained until 1865. From that year until 1869 he resided in Somerville, supplying pulpits occasionally; and purposing, when opportunity offered, to settle in some field, which the state of his health would permit him to cultivate. During the last six months of this period he was stated supply of the Reformed Church of South New Haven, Conn. In 1869 he accepted a call to Fordham, resigning in 1874. This was his last pastorate. Living in Newark for a time, he removed to Morristown in 1878, where he resided until his death. He was married in 1834 to Isabella Dunbar, of New York City, the daughter of a clergyman. To them were born six children, two of whom became clergymen in our denomination—the late William W. Brush, who died in the pastorate of the Church of Geneva in 1878, and the Rev. Alfred H. Brush, at present pastor of the Church at New Utrecht. Mr. Brush has joined the “innumerable caravan,” but the memory and influence of a Christly-character remain. He received the Word of God with meekness, and expounded it with vigor of thought and clearness of expression. Self-humiliation, habitual penitence of spirit, and deep sense of a sinner saved by grace, characterized him. Many of the precious truths he uttered are as household words to-day among those who heard him. The latter years of his life were industriously employed in the service of the Master. When he went to Morristown in 1878 he had reached the three score years and ten, and presumably was about at the end of his work. But the Christ-life within kept him in vigorous exercise. In every direction, upon the streets and in public places of concourse, he sought to engage others in spiritual converse. He made large use of tracts and books for distribution. His dignified bearing, sunny face and pure character, made him welcome everywhere. The work grew on his hands. It led him into Sunday-schools, mission quarters and public institutions. He became

deeply interested in work among the colored people. He also made a conscientious use of money. His income was not large, but he was a prudent manager. He increased his contribution to the Bible and Tract Societies and the Boards of our Church. With the aid of relatives he founded a "Brush Memorial Fund," in our Seminary at New Brunswick, as a memorial of his father and his departed children. He afterwards founded two other scholarships, entirely his own gifts; one for our Western Seminary in Michigan and one for our Seminary in Arcot, India. From these funds nine young men have been trained for the ministry in our home seminaries, and some native converts have been trained for the work of the Lord in India. Helpful correspondence was maintained with these students as long as he could write. Among his latest concerns was the rendering of timely assistance to disabled ministers, and the widows and children of those deceased. In all this unselfish ministry he grew old without becoming a burden to himself or others. He had long been infirm, but there was no special premonition that death was close at hand. He came to the brink without knowledge of the fact, and passed swiftly over the river. Long waiting to go, he was simply released and entered into rest. The funeral was held at the Morristown residence, and the Morristown Cemetery received his remains.

DAVID B. HALL died at Duanesburgh, N. Y., May 1st, 1898. He was born at Middle Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., March 16th, 1812. He passed two years at Burr Seminary, Manchester, Vt. He graduated from Union College in 1839, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1842. He was licensed and ordained by the Congregational Association of Pawlet, Vt. In the early years of his ministry he supplied different pulpits in the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. After that his service was mainly in the Reformed Church, at Cleveland, 1850 to 1853. Lawyersville, 1853, New Rhinebeck and Cobleskill, 1853 to 1855, Princetown, 1855 to 1863, Princetown again, 1865 to 1869. He then retired to his

farm at Duanesburg, where he labored many years, collecting material and compiling a geneology of the Hall family of New England, which has resulted in a volume of eight hundred pages, containing many portraits. Mr. Hall was a very quiet, modest man, confining himself closely to his home and making few acquaintances outside the circle of his work; but he loved to preach the gospel, and did it with a great fidelity. Through much of his life he endured a heavy domestic affliction, which would have taken the heart out of many another man, but he remained cheerfully faithful to his work. His church and farm yielded him scanty pecuniary returns; still he was not only uncomplaining but positively cheerful. About 1868 an unusual work of grace blessed his ministry at Princetown with results which brought a new impulse to that church, that abides to this day. In his astonishment and modesty he called in his neighbors in the ministry, and would gladly have handed over the whole conduct of the work to them. He did very soon retire from his position, and almost entirely from active ministerial work. But he went with a life crowned with his heart's desire, a harvest-time, for which he had sowed long, with tears. Though it is a long time since he was in the active ministry, he preached occasionally; but his late years have been passed in absolute retirement. He was a man of large intellectual gifts and of deep piety. He has left behind him a sweet memory, a hallowed influence and a bright example. He married Jane Eliza Dayton, and three married daughters survive him. The funeral took place from the Reformed Church of Princetown, and the sermon was preached by the President of the Classis of Schenectady.

JOSEPH TUTHILL DURVEA died at Boston, Mass., May 17, 1898. He was born at Jamaica, N. Y., December 9th, 1833. His father was a Huguenot, who settled at Bushwick. In his boyhood he was for a time with an uncle in Greenport, L. I. While there and attending the Sabbath-school, his attention was directed to the ministry. He graduated from Princeton College in 1856 and from Princeton Seminary in 1859. His pastorates were the

Second Presbyterian Church at Troy 1859-1862, Collegiate Church, New York, 1862-1867, the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, 1867-1878, Central Congregational Church, Boston, 1878-1888, Congregational Church, Omaha, 1888-1894. When he left this latter charge he was in ill health, and after seven months spent in recuperation, he accepted a call to the Church of Williamsburgh, in which pastorate he died. At different times he taught in Princeton College, Wellesley College, Boston University, Boston Conservatory of Music and School of Oratory, Wheaton Seminary, and several other institutions. He was also asked to be president of five or six different institutions, among them Princeton and Union Colleges. He was one of the best known churchmen in the United States. He had a wide reputation for Biblical scholarship and eloquence in the pulpit. His sermons were noted for clearness and precision of expression. His mind was naturally cheerful, his views liberal, and his earnest, sincere and manly characteristics, won for him universal esteem. At the time of his death he was one of the nominees for the professorship of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in our Theological Seminary. His very recent demise has given little time for the gathering of material for this sketch. He was certainly recognized as one of the most eminent scholars of the day. He had a richly furnished mind, an attractive personality, a warm and consecrated heart, and in all his pastorates he won and held admiration and affection. He is credited with having rescued Princeton College after the civil war. The South had contributed largely to the moral and financial support of that institution. With the wrecked fortunes of Southern families, the College was in jeopardy. Mr. Duryea had gained great reputation by his management of the United States Christian Commission, and now in this crisis offered his services, and in a very short time secured more funds than necessary for keeping open the doors of the College. It was then that he might have been its President, had he not preferred to work as a pastor. It was through his arduous work in Omaha that he ruined his health. Not well when he went there, he found some relief. But hard times came on and he

worked with all his strength for the poor. His church was opened to them for house purposes. He organized relief wagons, investigating committees of Knights of Labor, himself visiting the families in want. He gave particular attention and aid to the large mass of laboring people known as Killies' Army, which at that time swept through Omaha. He made addresses to them and escorted them to railroad depots to quiet the excitement which followed their work. He contracted nervous prostration, and came east for medical treatment. Recuperating for a time at Yonkers, although still pleading ill health, he accepted the call to the First Church of Williamsburgh, which was urgently pressed upon him. He had been in Boston for several weeks previous to his death, on account of his physical condition, which, however, was not considered precarious. Serious apprehensions were not awakened until the morning of his departure. Relatives were quickly summoned, whom he greeted with a smile and grasp of the hand, and then quietly and swiftly fell asleep. The end was peaceful, and due to heart failure. He had sent in his resignation to the Williamsburgh Church, and a meeting had already been called for its consideration. The remains were brought from Boston and funeral services held in the church, from the pastorate of which he had been removed by death, a great many clergymen being present, thus testifying to the honor and esteem in which their brother was held. The body remained in the church overnight, and the following day was interred in the cemetery at Jamaica. Mr. Duryea's first marriage had been to Elizabeth Rose Baker, who died in 1887. His second was to Anna Sturges Plummer, who survives him, as do also four daughters, two of whom are married.

Your Committee, in closing, desires to acknowledge indebtedness to printed reports, and to letters concerning the life and death of the brethren herein named, which have been freely used and, to a large extent, literally transcribed.

Signed, J. S. N. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*
S. M. ZWEMER.
W. P. BRUCE.
C. W. PITCHER.

Resolved, That the Committee on Necrology be authorized to have blanks prepared, to facilitate its work in furnishing full and accurate reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMSTERDAM CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on the Amsterdam Correspondence reported as follows: The report was accepted and adopted.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

Your Committee on the Amsterdam Correspondence respectfully report, that the work of collecting copies of the original documents bearing on the history of our church in America, to be found in the Archives of the Synods of the Reformed Protestant Netherland Church, and in those of the Classis of Amsterdam, has been pursued with gratifying success, and even surprising results, by the agent of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Edward T. Corwin, for almost a year. Dr. Corwin commenced his labors about the middle of August, 1897, and his researches continually revealed material that had never been unearthed before by previous investigators, greatly confirming himself and the Committee to whom he reported the facts monthly, in their conviction regarding the incalculable value and interest of his labors, for the history of the church at large as well as for the history of prominent individual churches in the Denomination. It is proposed that Dr. Corwin continue the work of collection of transcripts, until next November; the funds which are at our disposal now not permitting him to extend the researches on lines that would require a larger gathering of material than will then be ready.

Your Committee desire to call the attention of Synod to the fact that in these important and exhaustive labors, Dr. Corwin has been accorded all desired facilities, privileges never before granted to other searchers of the archives and courtesies the most abundant, by the officers and

members of the Classis of Amsterdam and other judicatories of the National Church of Holland. We therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of giving expression by resolution of General Synod, to our gratitude and appreciation of these acts of fraternal interest and kindness on the part of these judicatories of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands.

The Financial Statement made by the Treasurer of Committee, William L. Brower, Esq., 170 William Street, New York City, at the last meeting of the committee, and covering the year past, revealed the fact that the receipts had been \$2,675.37; and the disbursements, \$1,831.96; leaving a balance on hand of \$843.41, together with some pledges unpaid which can be counted on with certainty.

We have made proper efforts to keep the matter entrusted to your committee before the churches and individuals, and projects are still under way which we have every reason to expect will realize satisfactory returns. Still we desire to plead once more for the generous support of this unique enterprise by our people, as one appealing with particular force to those who love to keep freshly in mind the days of old, and who wish to preserve a record of those days as complete as possible for the instruction and inspiration of later generations.

We have appointed the Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., the chairman of the committee, to represent the committee upon the floor of General Synod; and request that a hearing be given him at a suitable time.

We respectfully submit and recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Amsterdam Correspondence be continued.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod call the attention of all our churches and especially of the older ones that formed the *nuclei* of the Denomination in its present greatness, to the effort now in progress to secure this invaluable historical information, and request them to make liberal donations toward it, or annual contributions for four years.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America, now in session at Asbury Park, New Jersey, do hereby give cordial expression to its gratitude and appreciation, due to the Classis of Amsterdam and other Judicatories of the National Reformed Church of the Netherlands, for the privileges and courtesies so abundantly accorded to the Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D.D., facilitating his researches in the Ecclesiastical Archives of the country; and that the Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D.D., be and hereby is requested to convey this resolution of the General Synod to the Classis of Amsterdam and such other judicatories of the said Church of the Netherlands.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

EDWARD B. Coe, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The Committee on Accounts presented their report. It was accepted and adopted, and it is as follows :

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report :

This Committee recommends the following appropriations toward the traveling expenses of the delegates to this Synod from the particular Synod of Chicago.

One	from the Classis of Dakota,	\$45.....	\$ 45 00
Six	“ “ “ Grand River,	\$14 each	84 00
Five	“ “ “ Holland,	\$16.80 each..	84 00
Five	“ “ “ Illinois,	\$21.60 each..	108 00
Five	“ “ “ Iowa,	\$24 each.....	120 00
Five	“ “ “ Michigan,	\$16.80 each.	84 00
Five	“ “ “ Wisconsin,	\$21.60 each	108 00
Total.....			\$633 00

Also we recommend the payment of the following bills :

A bill of the Rev. T. J. Kommers for printing

circulars for Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction, together with postage and stationary.....	\$ 14 23
A bill of the Rev. Wm. H. De Hart. for telegrams.....	2 55
A bill of J. Lyle Kinmonth for printing Roll of Synod.....	9 00
A bill of J. Lyle Kinmonth for composition and gathering proofs.....	2 00
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Total amount of bills.....	\$27 78

We likewise further recommend that the usual amounts, viz., \$10 each be paid for services to the Sexton of the Reformed Church of Asbury Park, and to the janitor of Asbury Park Auditorum. together, making \$20.

Making a grand total of \$680.78.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LABAW,
J. LAUBENHEIMER,
A. H. STRABBING,
WM. BOMMELYE.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Permanent Clerk be directed to extend to the delegates from the South Classis of Bergen, which has failed this year to pay its quota into the Entertainment Fund, the same privileges as to other members of Synod, on the pledge of the delegates from this Classis that the arrearages will be forwarded to the Treasurer of General Synod at the earliest opportunity.

Resolved, That the same privileges be granted to the Classis of Hudson on the same condition.

ARTICLE XXV.

PARTICULARIA.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows : Of meeting at 9 A.M., 2:30 and 7:30 P.M., and of adjournment at 12 M. and 5:30 P.M.

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns its business sessions shall be held in the Auditorium by the Sea.

The bar of the house was fixed.

A committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed, consisting of Revs. Peter Stryker and John H. Raven and Elder Austin Scott.

This Committee presented the following report :

For the Communion Service—Thursday, at 7:30 P.M.

To preside—the President or Vice-President.

To serve the bread—Rev. James Le Fevre.

To serve the Wine—Rev. Peter Moerdyke.

To distribute the elements—Elders H. De Jong, J. Den Herder, C. S. Edgar, J. O. Green, W. F. Layton, C. Rhynsbarger, H. H. Shook, J. J. Van Zoeren.

The service thus provided for was observed at the time appointed.

The following were appointed a Committee on the next place of meeting: Revs. W. W. Clark and Nicholas Pearse and Elder J. Den Herder. They reported as follows with reference to the next place of meeting. The report was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on place of meeting next year would respectfully report :

That three invitations have been extended to the General Synod :

1. From the Reformed Church at the Thousand Islands.

2. From the Reformed Church at Asbury Park.

3. From the Reformed Church at Catskill, N.Y.

The invitation to the Thousand Islands cannot be entertained because satisfactory arrangements have not been made regarding entertainment.

Asbury Park and Catskill only can be considered at this time.

Catskill seems to be the favorite for next year, for the reasons that the Synod can all be entertained at one house, and that Catskill is more centrally located than

Asbury Park. The committee, therefore, recommend that this Synod hereby accepts the invitation to meet at the Reformed Church in Catskill, in the month of June, 1899.

Wm. W. CLARK, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the clergy of Asbury Park and vicinity be invited to seats in the Synod.

Rev. T. Edward Inglis, Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Yonkers, N. Y., by permission of the Synod, presented a statement concerning his church and made an appeal for help. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod, having heard with interest and gratitude the report of Rev. T. Edward Inglis, Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Yonkers, with reference to the successful prosecution of the effort now making to save the valuable property of that church for our denomination :

1. Heartily endorses this effort.
2. Enjoins upon its delegates, both clerical and lay, and upon the churches they represent, the duty and privilege of contributing towards the \$4,000, needed from our church at large to complete the said effort and save this important institution to our body.

A special committee on National Affairs was appointed, consisting of Revs. Cornelius Brett, J. Francis Morgan and Elder John S. Bussing. They presented the following report, which was accepted and then adopted by a rising vote.

**THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS WOULD RESPECTFULLY
REPORT.**

FIRST. There has been referred to your Committee a printed leaflet issued by the "Reform Bureau."

The leaflet contains a calendar of Reform Bills in the Fifty-fifth Congress, which are matters of information which need not claim attention of the General Synod.

On the reverse we find "A Proposed Divorce Law,"

“House of Representatives, 5184. Commonly know as the Ray Bill.”

This Bill, it is alleged, has been petitioned for by Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal Churches, and by several religious organizations.

The Bill provides for a Divorce Law to be enacted for the District of Columbia and the Territories, conforming to the Laws of New York State, that absolute divorce shall be allowed only in case of adultery.

The Reformed Church has been consistent in upholding the sanctity of the marriage bond, and depreciating easy and promiscuous divorce, and would welcome a National Law prescribing uniform conditions of marriage and divorce. As a step towards this much desired end, which at present seems impracticable, the proposed measure appeals to your Committee as worthy of the support of the Christian public.

Your Committee offers the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of General Synod be authorized to affix his signature as our representative and in our name to petition to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, praying them to pass a bill to limit absolute divorce to cases of adultery, in the District of Columbia and the Territories.

SECOND. On the appointment of your Committee, it was voted that all resolutions on National Affairs be referred to your Committee without debate.

No such resolutions having been offered or referred. Your Committee would further report.

For the first time in a third of a century, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, on assembling for the transaction of ecclesiastical business listens to the throbbing of the wardrums and is saluted by the booming of hostile cannon.

As servants of the Prince of Peace, ever praying for the coming of His Kingdom, whose establishment shall witness the forging of sword into plow share, and spear into pruning hook, we deprecate war with its awful

train of unspeakable honors; and regard the menace of army and fleet as the last resort of a Christian nation, which the boasted civilization of this latter day ought imperatively to forbid.

With sad hearts, however, we recognize the patent fact that war may become not only a stern necessity, but even the bounden duty of a people, feeling their responsibility to the brotherhood of man: that nations which transgress every law of humanity, can only be reached by superior force, that oppressed and suffering peoples, appealing to stronger nations for deliverance and help, cannot be put off with shadowy good wishes and unsubstantial sympathy, without a cowardly repudiation of unquestioned obligations.

In the application of this higher law, war may be a righteous act, and those who wage it may be acting in the Spirit of the Redeemer of the world, when he gave himself for man. For these reasons the Christian Church defends the United States of America in declaring war against Spain.

Colonial misrule and tyranny over subject states has marked the administration of the Spanish Crown, since the days when our forefathers, under William of Orange, resisted with courage unequalled and heroism unexcelled by the achievements of subsequent years, the usurpation of Philip II. During the last half century, her power has blighted and her cruelty has devastated that Gem of the Antilles, which lies at the gateway of our Southern ports, against repeated acts of oppression, we have repeatedly protested; while, by restraining our own people from premature interference with the Government in Cuba, every opportunity has been given to successive Cabinets to reform abuses and secure the liberty of a long-suffering people, without securing the long desired result.

In this emergency an appeal to arms has been taken. The Church of Christ should speak in words that cannot be misunderstood, in support of those who are charged with the administration.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Reformed Church in America declares the

WHEREAS, The *Christian Intelligencer* is a most excellent religious paper, which has long been, and still is, published distinctively in the interests of the Reformed Church, and which no other contemporary paper can take the place of in the home when it is sought to keep intelligently informed respecting the ecclesiastical doings, mission operations and other enterprises of the Church ; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends the *Christian Intelligencer* to the members of the Reformed Church..

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of this Session of General Synod.

Resolved, That the General Synod cannot adjourn without its most grateful acknowledgements to the Rev. Dr. Stryker and his congregation, for the use of their beautiful Church edifice for our numerous religious assemblages, and all those kindly attentions which have so greatly facilitated our work. We rejoice, also in the prosperity of the church itself. We express our warm appreciation of the hotels which have afforded us such pleasant homes and generous tables. We recognize our indebtedness to the various Railroad Companies that, appreciating the public importance of such religious gatherings, have so largely diminished the expense of travel. And to the Hon. J. A. Bradley, we tender our very hearty thanks for the use for so long a time of his fine, large Auditorium, so admirably adapted to the purpose of large convocations. We wish to express our very special indebtedness to the Daily Press of Asbury Park, for the very full and satisfactory reports of our deliberations. We have seen with pleasure the increasing beauty of this place beside

the sea. All these delightful advantages are associated in our memories with the beautiful, restful, invigorating sea, and in harmony with the fraternal and most gracious spirit that has pervaded all our sessions.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., gave a few parting words. The President addressed the Synod. The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung. The roll was called. The President led in prayer and pronounced the benediction. The Synod adjourned.

EDWARD B. COE, *President.*

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June, 1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	New York	" "
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June 1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	"	" "
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Sept., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	"	New York City
Oct., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	" ...	" "
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Boght, Cohoes, N. Y.....Saratoga
 †**Boonton*, N. J.....Passaic
 †**Bound Brook*, N. J.....New Brunswick
 Boyden, Iowa.....Iowa
Breakabeen, North Blenheim,
 N. Y.....Schoharie
 †**Brighton*, N. Y.....Rochester
Brighton Heights, N. Y. City..New York
 **Britton*, Mich.....Michigan
 " " *Despelder*....."
 †**Bronxville*, N. Y.....Westchester
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—
 †**Bay Ridge*, 2d Ave. & 80th St. So. L. I.
Bedford, Ormond Pl....."
 **Bethany Chapel*, Hudson Ave. "
Bushwick, No. Second St.,
 North Long Island
Centennial Chapel, Wyckoff St.,
 South Long Island
Church of Jesus.....North Long Island
On-the-Heights, Pierrepont St.,
 South Long Island
 †**East New York*, New Jersey Ave.,
 South Long Island
 †**Edgewood*, Eleventh Ave., "
First, Seventh Ave., "
Flatbush, Flatbush Ave., "
 ***Flatlands*, "
 GERMAN AMERICAN, "
German Ev. Union Ave., No. L. Island
 †**Grace Chapel*, Lincoln Road,
 South Long Island
 †***Gravesend*, " "
 †**Greenpoint*, Kent St., No. Long Island
 †**Greenwood Heights*, Forty-first St.,
 South Long Island
New Brooklyn, Herkimer St., "
 †**New Lots*, New Lots Ave., "
 †**New Ulrecht*, Eighteenth Av., "
 †**North*, Clermont Ave., "
Ocean Hill, Herkimer St., "
 **Second Flatbush*, "
 **South*, Third Ave., "
 †**South*, *Bushwick*, Elmrod St.,
 North Long Island
 †**Twelfth Street*.....South Long Island
 **Williamsburg*, Bedford Ave.,
 North Long Island

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

- Brookdale, N. J. —
 **Stone House Plains*.....Newark
 Brookville, L. I.—
 **Oyster Bay*.....North Long Island
 **Bruynswick*, N. Y., *Shawangunk*, Orange
 Buffalo Center, Ger. Valley, Ia., Pl. Prairie
 **Bushkill*, Pa., *Lower Walpack*....Orange
 **Bushnell*, Ill .. Illinois
Bushwick, Brooklyn, N. Y...N. L. Island
 †**Buekirk*, N. Y.....Saratoga
 Calicoon, N. Y.....Orange
 †**Canajoharie*, N. Y. .. Montgomery
 Canarsie, L. I.....S. Long Island
 Canastota, N. Y.....Montgomery
 Carmel, Ia.....Iowa
 †**Castleton*, N. Y., *Emanuel*...Rensselaer
 †**Catskill*, N. Y.....Greene
 **Cedar Grove*, Wis.....Wisconsin
Centennial Chapel, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
 South Long Island
Centerville, Athenia, N. J.....Paramus
 †**Centerville*, Mich.....Michigan
 Central Bridge, N. Y.....Schoharie
Charles Mix, Platte, S. D.....Dakota
 Chapin, Ia., *Zion*.....Pleasant Prairie
 †**Chatham*, N. Y.....Rensselaer
 **Cherry Hill*, N. J.....Bergen
 Chicago, Illinois.—
 **First*, 13th Place.....Wisconsin
 †**Englewood* 62d and Peoria Sts., "
 **Gano*, Clark and 117th Sts.. "
 †**Irving Park*, N. 42d Ave.....Illinois
 **North Western*, W. Superior St., "
 †**Norwood Park*....."
Roseland, *First*, Michigan Ave.,
 and 107th St.....Wisconsin
 **Roseland*, *Second*, (*Bethany*),
 111th St.... "
 †**Trinity*, Marshfield Ave.....Illinois
Christ, Newark, N. J.....Newark
 Chittenango, N. Y.....Montgomery
 **Chittoor*, India.....Arcot
Church of Jesus, B'klyn, N. Y...So. L. I.
Ch. of Comforter, Kingston, N. Y., Ulster
Churchville, Holland, Minn... ..Iowa
Churchville, Pa.—
 **North and Southampton*..Philadelphia
 Cicero, N. Y.....Montgomery
 Claraville, N. Y.....Orange
 Clara City, Minn.....Iowa
 **Clarksville*, *Onesquethaw*, N. Y. Albany
 ***Clarkstown*, West Nyack, N. Y., Paramus
 Claverack, N. Y.—
 †******First*.....Hudson
 †**Second*, Mellenville, N. Y....."
 Cleveland, Ohio.—
 **First*.....Rochester

CHURCH.	CLASSIS.
* <i>Second</i>	Holland
*Clifton, N. J.....	Paramus
*Closter, N. J.....	Bergen
Clove, High Falls, N. Y.....	Kingston
Clover Hill, N. J.....	Philadelphia
Clymer, N. Y.—	
* <i>Abbe</i>	Rochester
*Clymer Hill, N. Y.....	"
†*Cobleskill, N. Y.....	Schoharie
†*Cockburn, N. Y., <i>Plattekill</i>	Ulster
†*Coeymans, N. Y.....	Albany
Cohoes, N. Y.—	
* <i>Boght</i>	Saratoga
†* <i>First</i>	"
Cold Spring, N. Y.....	Poughkeepsie
†*College Point, L. I.....	N. Long Island
†*Colt's Neck, N. J.....	Monmouth
*Columbia, N. Y.....	Montgomery
*Constantine, Mich.....	Michigan
Coopersville, Mich.....	Grand River
Coonor, India.....	Arcot
<i>Cortlandtown</i> , Montrose, N. Y.,	Westchester
Cox-ackie, N. Y.—	
* <i>First</i>	Greene
†* <i>Second</i>	"
Cranesville, N. Y.....	Montgomery
Cromwell Center, Ia....	Pleasant Prairie
*Currytown, N. Y.....	Montgomery
*Cuddebackville, N. Y.....	Orange
Davis, S. D., <i>Bethel</i>	Dakota
Danforth, Ill.....	Wisconsin
<i>Dashville Falls</i> , Rifton Glen,	
N. Y.....	Kingston
<i>Deerpark</i> , Port Jervis, N. Y.....	Orange
Defreestville, N. Y.—	
* <i>Blooming Grove</i>	Rensselaer
Delmar, N. Y.—	
* <i>Second Bethlehem</i>	Albany
De Motte, Ind.....	Wisconsin
*Detroit, Mich.....	Grand River
<i>De Spelder</i> , Britton, Mich.....	Michigan
<i>Delaware</i> , Davis, South Dakota...	Dakota
Dingham's Ferry, Pa.—	
* <i>Upper Walpack</i>	Orange
Dispatch, Kan., <i>Rotterdam</i>	Iowa
Drenthe, Mich.....	Holland
Easton, N. Y.....	Saratoga
<i>East Greenbush</i> , Greenbush, N. Y.,	Rensselaer
East Little Rock, Ia.....	Pleasant Prairie
*East Millstone, N. J.....	New Brunswick
<i>East New York</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y.,	
	South Long Island
<i>East Overisel</i> , Oakland, Mich....	Holland
East Williamson.....	Rochester

CHURCH.	CLASSIS
†*East Williamsburgh, N. Y., N. L. Island	
<i>Ebenezer</i> , Holland, Mich.....	Holland
<i>Ebenezer</i> , Leighton, Iowa.....	Illinois
<i>Ebenezer</i> , Morrison, Ill.....	Wisconsin
<i>Ebenezer</i> , Oregon, Ill ..	Pleasant Prairie
<i>Ebenezer</i> , Scotland, S. D.....	Dakota
<i>Edgewood</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y., S. L. Island	
†*Ellenville, N. Y.....	Orange
<i>Elm</i> , Kings, Ill.....	Pleasant Prairie
Elmsford, N. Y.—	
* <i>Greenburgh</i>	Westchester
<i>Emanuel</i> , Belmond, Ia....	Pleasant Prairie
<i>Emanuel</i> , Castleton, N. Y.....	Rensselaer
Eminence, N. Y.....	Schoharie
<i>English Neighborhood</i> , Ridgefield,	
N. J.....	Bergen
<i>Englewood</i> , Chicago, Ill.....	Wisconsin
*Ephratah, N. Y.....	Montgomery
<i>Esopus</i> , Ulster Park, N. Y....	Ulster
*Fairfield, N. J.....	Passaic
*Fairview, Ill.....	Illinois
* <i>Fallsburgh</i> , So. Fallsburgh, N. Y., Orange	
<i>Falmouth</i> , Mich.....	Grand River
†*Farmer, N. Y.....	Rochester
Farowe, Mich., <i>South Blendon</i> ...	Holland
*Fawns, N. Y., <i>Blue Mountain</i>	Ulster
Fern, Ia., <i>Parkersburg</i> ..	Pleasant Prairie
Firth, Neb.....	Iowa
*Fishkill, N. Y.....	Poughkeepsie
†*Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.,	"
Flatbush (Brooklyn, N. Y.)—	
<i>First</i>	South Long Island
<i>Second</i>	" "
<i>Grace Chapel</i>	" "
<i>Flatbush</i> , Glasco, N. Y.....	Ulster
<i>Flatlands</i> , (B'klyn, N. Y.)....	South L. I.
†*Flushing, L. I.....	North Long Island
<i>Florida</i> , Minaville, N. Y....	Montgomery
*Fonda, N. Y.....	"
<i>Fordham</i> , N. Y. City.....	Westchester
†Fort Herkimer, N. Y.....	Montgomery
†*Fort Lee, N. J., <i>Palisades</i>	Bergen
*Fort Miller, N. Y.....	Saratoga
†*Fort Plain, N. Y.....	Montgomery
*Forrest Grove, <i>Jamestown</i> , Mich., Holl'd	
*Forreston, Ill.....	Pleasant Prairie
†* <i>Franklin</i> , Nutley, N. J....	Newark
<i>Franklin</i> , Heelyton, Wis.....	Wisconsin
Franklin Park, N. J.—	
†* <i>Six Mile Run</i>	New Brunswick
<i>Free Grace</i> , Middleburg, Iowa.....	Iowa
Freehold, N. J.—	
†* <i>First (Marlboro)</i>	Monmouth
†* <i>Second</i>	"
*Freemont, Mich.....	Grand River
Friesland, Minn.....	Iowa
*Fulton, Ill.....	Wisconsin

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†*Fultonville, N. Y.....	Montgomery	<i>Greensburg</i> , Elmsford, N. Y., Westchester	
Galesburg, Iowa, (<i>C. E. Church</i> , No. 11).....	Illinois	* <i>Greenbush</i> , N. Y., East Greenbush, Rensselaer	
<i>Gallatin</i> , Mt. Ross, N. Y.....	Hudson	Greenbush, Wis.....	Wisconsin
* <i>Gallupville</i> , N. Y.....	Schoharie	† <i>Greendale</i> , N. Y., <i>Greenport</i>	Hudson
<i>Gano</i> , Chicago, Ill.....	Wisconsin	* <i>Greenleaf</i> ton, Minn.....	Wisconsin
†* <i>Gansevoort</i> , N. Y.....	Saratoga	<i>Greenpoint</i> , B'klyn, N. Y., S. Long Island	
†* <i>Gardiner</i> , N. Y.....	Kingston	<i>Greenport</i> , Greendale, N. Y.....	Hudson
†* <i>Gardeld</i> , N. J.....	Paramus	<i>Greenville</i> , Jersey City, N. J... So. Bergen	
George, Iowa, <i>Hope</i> (<i>C. E. Church</i> , No. 6).....	Pleasant Prairie	<i>Greenville</i> , Scarsdale, N. Y., Westchester	
George, Iowa, <i>Bethel</i>	"	* <i>Greenwich</i> , N. Y.....	Saratoga
* <i>Germantown</i> , N. Y.....	Hudson	<i>Greenwood Heights</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y., South Long Island	
German Valley, Ill.—		†* <i>Griggstown</i> , N. J.....	New Brunswick
<i>Silver Creek</i>	Pleasant Prairie	<i>Grove Ch.</i> , New Durham, N. J....	Bergen
Ghent, N. Y.—		Guilderland Center, N. Y.—	
* <i>First</i>	Rensselaer	* <i>Helderberg</i>	Schenectady
* <i>Second</i> , Omi, N. Y.....	"	** <i>Gulford</i> , Libertyville, N. Y..	Kingston
* <i>Gibbsville</i> , Wis.....	Wisconsin	†* <i>Guttenberg</i> , N. J... ..	Bergen
* <i>Gifford's</i> , N. Y., <i>Princeton</i> ..	Schenect'y		
* <i>Gilboa</i> , N. Y.....	Schoharie	Hackensack, N. J.—	
<i>Gingee</i> , India.....	Arcot	†** <i>First</i>	Bergen
†* <i>Glascow</i> , N. Y., <i>Flatbush</i>	Ulster	* <i>Second</i>	"
†* <i>Glen</i> , N. Y.....	Montgomery	* <i>Third</i>	"
* <i>Glenham</i> , N. Y.....	Poughkeepsie	* <i>Hagaman</i> , N. Y.....	Montgomery
<i>Glen Rock</i> , Ridgewood, N. J....	Paramus	Hamilton, Mich.....	Holland
Glenville, N. Y.—		<i>Hamilton Grange</i> , N. Y. City..	New York
* <i>First</i>	Schenectady	* <i>Harlingen</i> , N. J.....	Philadelphia
* <i>Second</i> Scotia.....	"	Harrison, S. D.....	Dakota
Gnanodiam, India.....	Arcot	* <i>Hasbrouck Heights</i> , N. J.....	Bergen
Goodland, Ind.....	Wisconsin	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y..	Westchester
<i>Gould Memorial</i> , Roxbury, N. Y..	Ulster	Hawthorne, N. J.....	Paramus
Graafschap, Mich.....	Holland	* <i>Havana</i> , Ill.....	Illinois
<i>Grace</i> , New York City, N. Y..	New York	Heeleyton, Wis., <i>Franklin</i>	Wisconsin
<i>Grace Chapel</i> , Flatbush, N. Y., South Long Island		<i>Helderburg</i> , Guilderland Center, N. Y., Schenectady	
* <i>Grahamsville</i> , N. Y.....	Orange	Henderson, N. Y.....	Montgomery
<i>Grand Gorge</i> , Prattsville, N. Y..	Schoharie	* <i>Herkimer</i> , N. Y.....	"
Grand Haven, Mich.—		†* <i>Hicksville</i> , L. I.....	North Long Island
* <i>First</i>	Grand River	* <i>High Bridge</i> , N. J.....	Raritan
†* <i>Second</i>	Michigan	* <i>High Bridge</i> , New York City, New York	
Grand Rapids, Mich.—		* <i>Highlands</i> , N. J.....	Monmouth
†* <i>Bethany</i> (<i>C. E. Church</i> , No. 4) Gr. River		** <i>High Falls</i> , N. Y., <i>Clove</i>	Kingston
†* <i>First</i> , Fountain St.	Michigan	<i>Highland Park</i> , New Brunswick, N. J.....	New Brunswick
* <i>Second</i> , Bostwick St.....	Grand River	<i>Hillsborough</i> , Millstone, N. J., "	
* <i>Third</i> , Diamond St.....	"	Hingham, Wis.....	Wisconsin
* <i>Fourth</i> , North Ionia St....	"	Hoboken, N. J.—	
* <i>Fifth</i> , Carpenter St.....	"	** <i>First</i> , Hudson St.....	Bergen
<i>Oakdale Park</i> , Adams St..	"	* <i>German Evangelical</i> , Columbia St., Bergen	
†* <i>Seventh</i> , Jeanette St.....	"		
<i>Eighth</i>	"	* <i>Holland</i> , Mich.—	
* <i>Ninth</i> , Clyde Park Ave. (<i>C. E.</i> <i>Church</i> , No. 7).....	Grand River	* <i>First</i>	Holland
<i>Grace</i>	Michigan	* <i>Third</i>	"
* <i>Grandville</i> , Mich..	Grand River	<i>Ebenezer</i>	"
* <i>Grand View</i> , Armour, S. D.....	Dakota	†* <i>Hope</i>	Michigan
<i>Grassend</i> (Brooklyn, N. Y.)..	South L. I.	<i>Fourth</i>	Holland
		Holland, Minn. <i>Churchville</i>	Iowa

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*Holland, Neb.....	Iowa
*†Holmdel, N. J.....	Monmouth
Hooker, S. D., <i>Van den Berg</i>	Dakota
<i>Hope</i> , Westfield, N. D.....	"
<i>Hope</i> , Holland, Mich.....	Michigan
<i>Hope</i> , Sheboygan, Wis.....	Wisconsin
<i>Hope</i> , George, Ia.....	Pleasant Prairie
Hopewell Junction, N. Y..	Poughkeepsie
Hospers, Iowa.....	Iowa
Howard Prairie, Wis....	Wisconsin
*†Howe's Cave, N. Y.....	Schoharie
<i>Huguenots</i> , Sea Side, S. I.....	New York
*†Hudson, N. Y.....	Hudson
<i>Hudson City</i> , Jersey City, N. J.,	South Bergen
Hall, N. D.....	Dakota
Hall, Ia.....	Iowa
*Hurley, N. Y.....	Kingston
*†Hyde Park, N. Y.....	Poughkeepsie
<i>Immanuel</i> , Wanari, S. D.....	Dakota
Ingraham's Mills, N. Y.—	
<i>Manheim</i>	Montgomery
*†Irvington, N. J.....	Newark
<i>Irving Park</i> , Chicago, Ill. . . .	Illinois
Jamaica, L. I.—	
† <i>First</i>	North Long Island
* <i>German Evangelical</i> , " ..	"
<i>Jamestown 1st</i> , Forest Grove, Mich.,	Holland
<i>Jamestown 2d</i> , " " " "	"
<i>Jamestown Center</i> , Mich.....	"
Jersey City, N. J.—	
*† <i>Bergen</i> , Bergen Ave.....	South Bergen
*† <i>South Bergen</i> , "	"
*† <i>Central Avenue</i>	Bergen
*† <i>Fras</i> , Grand St.....	South Bergen
*† <i>Greenville</i> , Ocean Ave.,	"
<i>German Evangelical, First</i> ,	
<i>Mercer St</i>	South Bergen
*† <i>Hudson City, Second</i> , Hudson	
<i>Ave</i>	South Bergen
*† <i>Lafayette</i> , Communipaw Ave.,	South Bergen
*† <i>Park</i> , E. Hamilton Pl....	"
* <i>St. John's German Evangelical</i> ,	
<i>Fairview Ave</i>	South Bergen
<i>Third Bayonne</i> , New York Ave.,	South Bergen
*† <i>Wayne St</i>	South Bergen
Jerusalem, N. Y., *† <i>First</i>	Albany
" " <i>Union</i>	"
*† <i>Johnstown</i> , N. Y. (<i>C. E. Church</i> ,	
<i>No. 3</i>).....	Montgomery
Kalamazoo, Mich.—	
* <i>First</i>	Grand River

CHURCH.	CLASSIS.
* <i>Second</i>	Michigan
<i>Third</i>	Grand River
<i>Fourth</i>	"
<i>Twin Lakes</i>	"
Kandiputtur, India.....	Arcot
Katpadi, India.....	"
*Katsbaan, N. Y.....	Ulster
Kenosha, Wis.....	Wisconsin
*Kerhonkson, N. Y.....	Orange
*†Keyport, N. J.....	Monmouth
*†Kinderhook, N. Y.....	Rensselaer
Kings, Ill., <i>Elim</i>	Pleasant Prairie
Kingston, N. Y.—	
*† <i>First</i>	Ulster
* <i>Fair St</i>	Kingston
<i>Comforter</i>	Ulster
*Kiskatom, N. Y	Greene
*Knox, N. Y ..	Albany
Kolapakam, India.....	Arcot
Koster, Ill.....	Wisconsin
Kottapalli, India.....	Arcot
*Kripplebush, N. Y., <i>Lyonsville</i> , Kingston	
<i>Krumville</i> , Samsonville, N. Y.,	"
Lafayette, Ind.....	Wisconsin
<i>Lafayette</i> , Jersey City, N. J...So.	Bergen
Lansing, Ill.....	Wisconsin
Lawyersville, N. Y.....	Schoharie
***††Lebanon, N. J.....	Raritan
*Leeds, N. Y.....	Greene
Leighton, Iowa, <i>Ebenezer</i>	Illinois
Le Mars, Iowa (<i>C. E. Church</i> , No. 5),	Iowa
Lennox, S. D.—	
<i>First</i>	Dakota
<i>Second</i>	"
<i>Third, Delaware</i>	"
Leota, Minn. (<i>Bethel, C. E. Ch.</i> No. 1),	Iowa
Libertyville, N. Y., <i>Gulford</i>	Kingston
Linden, N. J.....	Newark
* <i>Linlithgow</i> , Livingston, N. Y....	Hudson
<i>Livingston</i> , * <i>Linlithgow</i> , N. Y....	"
* <i>Lisha's Kill</i> , N. Y.....	Schenectady
Little Falls, N. J.—	
* <i>First</i>	Passaic
<i>Second, Holland</i>	"
Little Rock, S.D., <i>Salem</i> , Pleasant Prairie	
*†Locust Valley, L. I...North	Long Island
Lodi, N. J.—	
<i>First, Holland</i>	Paramus
* <i>Second</i>	"
*†Lodi, N. Y.....	Rochester
*Long Branch, N. J.....	Monmouth
Long Island City, N. Y..	N. Long Island
*† <i>First, Academy</i> , Sr....	"
SUNNYSIDE, Buckley, Sr. (<i>C. E.</i>	
<i>Church</i> , No. 12.....	"

CHURCH.	CLASSIS.	CHURCH.	CLASSIS.
Lucas, Mich., <i>Rehoboth</i>	Grand River	†*Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	Westchester
Luctor, Kan.....	Iowa	*Multzeskill, N.Y., <i>Schodack</i> ...	Rensselaer
<i>Lyonsville</i> , Kripplebush, N.Y., Kingston		Muscatine, Iowa.....	Iowa
*Macon, Mich.	Michigan	Muskegon, Mich.—	
†**Madanapalle, India.....	Arcot	* <i>First</i>	Grand River
*Mahwah, N. J., <i>Ramapo</i>	Paramus	* <i>Second</i> (<i>C. E. Church, No. 8</i>)..	Michigan
*Malcolm, Tyre, N. Y.....	Rochester		
<i>Mamakating</i> , Wurtsboro, N. Y...	Orange	*Narasinganur, India.....	Arcot
<i>Manayunk</i> , Phila., Pa.....	Philadelphia	*Nassau, N. Y....	Rensselaer
Manhasset, L. I.—		<i>Napanoch</i> , Warwarsing, N. Y....	Orange
* <i>North Hempstead</i>	N. Long Island	Naumburg, N. Y....	Montgomery
<i>Manheim</i> , Ingraham Mills, N. Y.	Montgomery	Neperan, N. Y., <i>Unionville</i>	Westchester
Manito, Ill.—		*Neshanic, N. J.....	Philadelphia
* <i>First</i>	Illinois	Newark, N. J.—	
* <i>Spring Lake</i>	"	* <i>First</i> , Johnson Ave	Newark
Maple Lake, Ia.....	Iowa	* <i>Christ</i> , Belleville Ave.....	"
Mapletown, N. Y.....	Montgomery	†* <i>Clinton Ave</i>	"
<i>Marbletown</i> , Stone Ridge, N. Y..	Kingston	†* <i>New York Avenue</i>	"
" <i>North</i> , "	"	** <i>North</i> , Broad St.....	"
Marion, N. Y.....	Rochester	†† <i>Trinity</i> , Ferry St.....	"
Marion, S. D.—		<i>West</i> , Blum St.....	"
<i>Sandham Memorial</i>	Dakota	Newark, N. Y., <i>Arcadia</i>	Rochester
Marlboro, N. J., <i>First</i> , <i>Freehold</i> ,	Monmouth	*Newburg, N. Y.....	Orange
Marntuvambadi, India.....	Arcot	*New Baltimore, N. Y....	Albany
*Maurice, Iowa.....	Iowa	New Bremen, N. Y.....	Montgomery
††Mellenville, N. Y....	Hudson	New Brighton, S. I.—	
<i>Melrose</i> , New York City....	Westchester	†* <i>Brighton Heights</i>	New York
*Metuchen, N. J.....	New Brunswick	<i>New Brooklyn</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y.,	South L. Island
*Middleburgh, N. Y....	Schoharie	New Brunswick, N. J.—	
Middleburgh, Iowa, <i>Free Grace</i>	Iowa	†* <i>First</i> , Nelson St.....	New Brunswick
*Middlebush, N. J.....	New Brunswick	* <i>Second</i> , George St.....	"
*Middletown, N. J.....	Monmouth	<i>Third</i> , Albany St.....	"
Millbrook, N. Y.....	Poughkeepsie	† <i>Highland Park</i>	"
Millstone, N. J.—		* <i>Suydam St</i>	"
* <i>Hillsborough</i>	New Brunswick	*New Concord, N. Y.....	Rensselaer
*Milwaukee, Wis.....	Wisconsin	**†New Durham, <i>Grove Ch.</i> , N. J...	Bergen
Minaville, N. Y.—		New Era, Mich.	Grand River
* <i>Florida</i>	Montgomery	*New Hackensack, N. Y....	Poughkeepsie
<i>Minnsink</i> , Montague, N. Y.....	Orange	New Holland, Mich.—	
Moddersville, Mich.....	Grand River	* <i>North Holland</i>	Holland
*Mohawk, N. Y.....	Montgomery	*New Hurley, N. Y.....	Orange
Monroe, Iowa	Pleasant Prairie	*New Hyde Park, L. I....	S. Long Island
Monroe, S. D	"	*Newkirk, Iowa.....	Iowa
*Montclair Heights.....	Newark	<i>New Lots</i> , B'klyn, N. Y...	S. Long Island
Montague, N. Y., <i>Minnsink</i>	Orange	<i>New Prospect</i> , Pine Bush, N. Y....	Orange
*Montgomery, N. Y.....	"	*New Paltz, N. Y.....	Kingston
Montrose, N. Y.—		New Salem, N. Y.....	Albany
* <i>Cortlandtown</i>	Westchester	Newtown, N. Y.—	
*Montville, N. J.....	Passaic	†** <i>First</i>	N. Long Island
Morrison, Ill., <i>Ebenezer</i> (<i>C. E. Church</i> ,		<i>German Evangelical</i> ...	"
No. 10).....	Wisconsin	<i>New Utrecht</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y.,	South Long Island
<i>Mott Haven</i> , N. Y. City.....	New York	New York City.—	
<i>Mont Pleasant</i> , Schenectady, N. Y.,	Schenectady	*Avenue B, <i>German Ev</i>	New York
Mount Rose, N. Y., <i>Gallatin</i>	Hudson	† <i>Belmont</i>	Westchester
		* <i>Bloomingdale</i> , Boulevard....	New York
		<i>Brighton Heights</i> , Staten Island "	

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* <i>Church of the Comforter</i> , 162d St. and Morris Ave.....	New York	Nutley, N. J., Franklin.....	Newark
<i>Collegiate, Middle</i> , 2d Ave. and 7th St.....	"	†* <i>Nyack</i> , N. Y.....	Paramus
<i>Collegiate</i> , *5th Av. & 29th St.	"	<i>Oakdale Park</i> , Grand Rapids,	Grand River
" *5th Av. & 48th St.	"	Oakland, Mich., <i>East Overisel</i>	Holland
" <i>West End</i>	"	* <i>Oakland</i> , N. J., <i>Ponds</i>	Passaic
" †* <i>Harlem</i> , E. 121st St.	"	<i>Ocean Hill</i> , Brooklyn,	
" †* " Lenox Av.	"	N. Y.....	So. Long Island
* <i>De Witt Chapel</i> , W. 29th St.	"	<i>Olive Leaf</i> , Wakonda, S. D.....	Dakota
* <i>Fordham</i> , Kingsbridge Road,		Omi, N. Y., <i>2d Ghent</i>	Rensselaer
Westchester		<i>Onesquethaw</i> , Clarksville,	
†* <i>Fourth Ger.</i> , W. 40th St.....	New York	N. Y.....	Albany
<i>German Ev.</i> , E. Houston St.	"	Ontario, N. Y.....	Rochester
** <i>Grace</i> , Seventh Ave.....	"	* <i>Oostburg</i> , Wis	Wisconsin
†* <i>Hamilton Grange</i> , W. 145th St.	"	* <i>Oradell</i> , N. J.	Bergen
* <i>High Bridge</i> , Ogden Ave ...	"	Oran. e, N. J.....	Newark
<i>Holland</i> , W. 11th St....	"	Orange City, Iowa.—	
<i>Huguenote</i> , Staten Island....	"	* <i>First</i>	Iowa
* <i>Knox Memorial Chapel</i> , 514 Ninth Ave.....	New York	* <i>American</i>	Dakota
<i>Kreischerville</i> , Staten Island.	"	Orattur, India.....	Arcot
**†† <i>Madison Ave.</i> , c. 57th St...	"	Oregon, Ill., <i>Ebenezer</i>	Pleasant Prairie
** <i>Manor Chapel</i> , W. 26th St...	"	Otley, Iowa.....	Illinois
<i>Melrose</i> , Elton Ave.....	Westchester	†* <i>Owasco</i> , N. Y.....	Montgomery
* <i>Mott Haven</i> , 142d St .	New York	* <i>Owasco Outlet</i> , N. Y	"
<i>North Ch. Chapel</i> , Fulton St.	"	* <i>Overisel</i> , Mich.....	Holland
* <i>Prospect Hill</i> , Park Ave.....	"	<i>Oyster Bay</i> , Brookville,	
<i>Sixty-eighth St</i>	"	L. I.	North Long Island
<i>South Church</i> , Madison Ave..	"	<i>Pallsades</i> , Fort Lee, N. J.....	Bergen
<i>St. Paul's</i> , E. 146th St.....	"	Palmyra, N. Y.....	Rochester
†* <i>Staten Island</i> , Port Richmond	"	Palmaner, India. . .	Arcot
** <i>Thirty-fourth Street</i> (near Eighth Ave.).....	"	<i>Paramus</i> , Ridgewood, N. J....	Paramus
* <i>University Heights</i> , West 185th St. .	"	<i>Parkersburg</i> , Fern, Ia....	Pleasant Prairie
* <i>Vermilye Chapel</i> , Tenth Ave.	"	<i>Park Ch.</i> , Jersey City, N. J..	South Bergen
<i>West Farms</i> , Boston Road,		<i>Park Hill</i> , Yonkers, N. Y....	Westchester
Westchester		* <i>Park Ridge</i> , N. J., <i>Pascack</i>	Paramus
<i>Yorkville</i> , 84th St.....	New York	<i>Pascack</i> , Park Ridge, N. J.....	"
<i>New York Mills</i> , N. Y.....	Rochester	Passaic, N. J.—	
* <i>Niskayuna</i> , N. Y.....	Schenectady	†* <i>Acquackanonck</i>	Paramus
<i>North Bergen</i> , Weehawken, N. J..	Bergen	<i>Holland</i> ..	"
<i>North Branch</i> , N. J.....	Raritan	†* <i>North</i>	"
<i>North Blenheim</i> , N. Y.—		Paterson, N. J.—	
* <i>First</i>	Schoharie	†* <i>Broadway</i> , Broadway.....	Paramus
* <i>Breakabeen</i>	"	<i>First</i> , Holland, Clinton St ...	"
<i>North Hempstead</i> , Manhasset,		*† <i>North</i>	"
L. I.	North Long Island	<i>Sixth</i> , Holland, Goodwin St....	Passaic
<i>North and South Hampton</i> ,		<i>People's Park</i>	"
Churchville, Pa.....	Philadelphia	* <i>Riverside</i> , River St.....	"
<i>North Holland</i> , New Holland,		*† <i>First</i> , Totowa, Division Ave... "	
Mich.....	Holland	* <i>Second</i> , Totowa, Temple St... "	Paramus
<i>Northumberland</i> , Bacon Hill,		<i>Union</i> , Holland, Auburn St....	Passaic
N. Y.	Saratoga	Pattersonville, N. Y.—	
<i>North Sibley</i> , Iowa.....	Pleasant Prairie	* <i>Rotterdam</i> , <i>First</i>	Schenectady
<i>Northwestern</i> , Chicago, Ill....	Illinois	* <i>Peapack</i> , N. J.....	Raritan
<i>Norwood Park</i> , Chicago, Ill.....	"	* <i>Peekskill</i> , N. Y.....	Westchester
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		<i>First</i>	Illinois

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*† <i>Second</i>	Illinois
<i>Third</i>	Iowa
<i>Fourth</i>	"
* <i>Bethel</i>	Illinois
<i>Otley</i>	"
Pella, Neb.....	Iowa
*Peoria, Ill.....	Pleasant Prairie
<i>People's Park</i> , Paterson, N. J.....	Passaic
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†*Piermont, N. Y.....	Paramus
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†* <i>Second</i>	"
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" " <i>Grand Gorge</i> . "	
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<i>Randolph Center</i> , Wis.....	Wisconsin
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" <i>Second</i> , " " "	"
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Ridgefield, N. J.—	
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†* <i>First</i>	Paramus
* <i>Paramus</i>	"
<i>Glen Rock</i>	"
Ridgewood, L. I.....	South Long Island
Rifton Glen, N. Y.—	
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Rochester, N. Y.—	
* <i>First</i>	Rochester
†* <i>Second</i>	"
Rochester, Accord, N. Y....	Kingston
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<i>Roseland</i> , Prinsburg, Minn....	Iowa
*Rosendale, N. Y., <i>First</i>	Kingston
ROSENDALE PLAINS, Rosendale, N. Y.,	Kingston
<i>Rotterdam</i> , Dispatch, Kan.....	Iowa
<i>Rotterdam</i> , <i>First</i> , Patersonville,	
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Saddle River, N. J.....	Paramus
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<i>Salem</i> , Little Rock, Ia.....	"
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<i>Sattambadi</i> , India.....	Arcot
<i>Saugatuck</i> , Mich....	Holland
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* <i>Bellevue</i>	"
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†* <i>Schodack Landing, N. Y.</i> ..	"
†* <i>Schoharie, N. Y.</i>	Schoharie
* <i>Schraalenberg, N. J.</i>	Bergen
†* <i>Schuylerville, N. Y., Saratoga,</i>	Saratoga
<i>Scotia, N. Y.—</i>	
<i>Glenville, Second</i>	Schenectady
<i>Scotland, S. D., Ebenezer</i>	Dakota
* <i>Secaucus, N. J.</i>	Bergen
<i>Bekada, India</i>	Arcot
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* <i>Sharon Center, N. Y.</i>	Schoharie
<i>Shawangunk, N. Y.</i>	Orange
* <i>Sheboygan, Wis., Hope</i>	Wisconsin
<i>Sheboygan Falls, Wis.</i>	"
<i>Sheldon, Ia. (C. E. Church, No. 9)</i> ..	Iowa
* <i>Shokan, N. Y.</i>	Ulster.
<i>Sibley, Ia., Baker</i>	Pleasant Prairie
<i>Silver Creek, Ill.</i>	"
<i>Silver Creek, Minn.</i>	Iowa
* <i>Sioux Center, Iowa, First</i>	"
" " <i>Carmel</i>	"
*† <i>Sioux Falls, S. D.</i>	Dakota
<i>Six Mile Run, Franklin Park, N. J.,</i>	New Brunswick
<i>Somerville N. J.—</i>	
†* <i>Raritan, First</i>	Raritan
†* " <i>Second</i> ..	"
" <i>Fourth</i>	"
* <i>South Bend, Ind.</i>	Michigan
<i>South Bergen, Jersey City, N. J.</i> ..	Bergen
<i>South Blendon, Farowe, Mich.</i>	Holland
<i>South Bnshwick, Brooklyn, N. Y.,</i>	North Long Island
* <i>South Branch, Branchville, N. J.,</i>	Raritan
<i>South Fallsburg, N. Y., Fallsburgh,</i>	Orange
* <i>South Gilboa, N. Y.</i>	Schoharie
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<i>Ghent, Second</i>	Rensselaer
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Stone Ridge, N. Y.—	
* <i>Marbletown</i>	Kington
* " <i>North</i>	"
†* <i>Stuyvesant, N. Y.</i>	Rensselaer
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<i>Tarrytown, N. Y.—</i>	
†* <i>First</i>	Westchester
* <i>Second</i>	"
<i>Totowa, First, Paterson, N. J.</i>	Passaic
" <i>Second,</i> " " ...	Paramus
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<i>Turner, S. D., Van den Berg</i>	"
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<i>Trinity, Amsterdam, N. Y.</i> ..	Montgomery
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" <i>Plainfield, N. J.</i>	"
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<i>Union, N. Y.</i>	Albany
<i>Union, Paterson, N. J.</i>	Passaic
<i>Unionville, N. Y.</i>	Orange
<i>Unionville, Neperan, N. Y.</i> ..	Westchester
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<i>Vellaripett</i>	"
*****† <i>Vellore, India</i>	"
<i>Vellambi, India</i>	"
<i>Vermilye Chapel, N. Y. City</i> ...	New York
* <i>Viola, West New Hempstead</i>	Paramus
<i>Vischer's Ferry, N. Y.—</i>	
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<i>Church, No. 2)</i>	Dakota	<i>South</i>	"
Walden, N. Y.—		Whitehouse, N. J.—	
†* <i>First</i>	Orange	* <i>Rockaway</i>	Raritan
<i>Berea</i>	"	Whiteport, N. Y.—	
* Wallkill, N. Y., <i>Wallkill Valley</i>	"	* <i>Bloomington</i>	Kingston
<i>Wallkill Valley, Wallkill, N. Y.</i>	"	Willow Lakes, S. D.....	Dakota
<i>Walpack Upper, Dingman's</i>		<i>Williamsburg, Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ..	
<i>Ferry, Pa.</i>	"	North Long Island	
<i>Walpack Lower, Bushkill, Pa.</i>	"	* Woodbourne, N. Y., <i>Fallsburg</i>	Orange
Wanari, S. D., <i>Immanuel</i>	Dakota	* Woodstock, N. Y.	Ulster
†* Warwick, N. Y.....	Paramus	Wormser City, Mont.....	Dakota
* Washington, Iowa.....	Pleasant Prairie	Wortendyke, N. J.....	Paramus
* Warwarsing, N. Y., <i>Napanoch</i> ...	Orange	Wurt-boro, N. Y.—	
* Waupun, Wis.....	Wisconsin	* <i>Mamakating</i>	Orange
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* Westfield, N. D., <i>Hope</i>	Dakota		
Westerlo, N. Y... ..	Albany	Yankton, S. D., <i>Salem</i>	Dakota
* Westwood, N. J.....	Bergen	* Yehamur, India.....	Arcot
* West Copake, N. Y.....	Hudson	Yonkers, N. Y.—	
<i>West Farms, N. Y. City</i>	Westchester	†* <i>First</i>	Westchester
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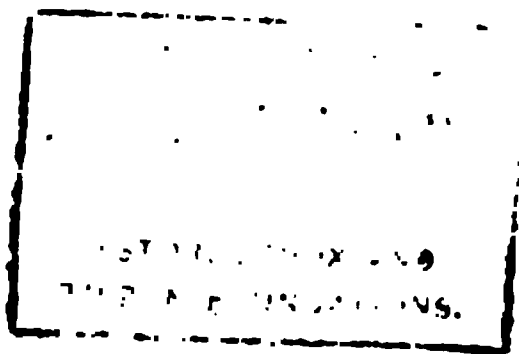
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REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The General Synod's Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, N. J., respectfully present their

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Organization.

The Committee consists of Frederick T. Kirk, David Murray, Matthew Suydam, Joseph S. Mundy, Henry W. Hoagland, and the members of the Faculty. Mr. Kirk has been the Secretary and Treasurer, and Prof. Searle the President of the Committee during the year. Messrs. Suydam and Hoagland have constituted the Sub-Committee on Grounds and Property; Drs. Murray and Demarest that on the relations of students to Hertzog Hall; and the Treasurer and President that on Finances.

Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

The Superintendent, Mr. Philip Case, has continued his efficient management of the Hall.

From his report it appears that 54 students have been occupants of rooms in the Hall, of whom 31 were in the Seminary and 23 in College.

There has been no serious illness in the building during the year.

Through the enterprise of the students in the Society of Inquiry, the generosity of the Alumni, and the gift of a pulpit and chairs by the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Raritan, the Chapel has been much improved in appearance. The students also began a movement to furnish an assembly room for the Society of Inquiry, which has been very successful, chiefly through the kind assistance of friends in New Brunswick. A musical instrument is still much needed to complete the equipment of the Chapel.

This Committee in its last report asked authority of Synod "to anticipate something of the income of the Maintenance Fund" in order to replace the boiler which for many years had furnished heat to Hertzog Hall and which had become worn out. This request was overlooked by Synod. The condition of the boiler was found to be such, however, that the Committee felt constrained to have the work done on its own responsibility. The indebtedness thus created was carried by Mr. Mundy until Synod's Special Committee on the Finances of the Seminary succeeded in discharging it. Further changes in the heating apparatus ought to be made in the interests of economy and efficiency, but the Committee have no means with which to make them.

The furnishing of the students rooms is badly worn, particularly the bedding, but no way is open to us to remedy the scarcely creditable state of affairs.

James Suydam Hall.

The boiler in this building, purchased on the completion of the Hall twenty-six years ago, must be replaced during the coming summer. Happily the Maintenance Fund of the Hall will yield enough to do this without debt.

Gardner A. Sage Library.

The Librarian reports that 293 volumes have been added to the Library by purchase and 26 by donation. Six pamphlets have also been given. There are now 43,581 volumes on the shelves and 7,882 pamphlets,

The heating apparatus in this building, like that in Hertzog and Suydam Halls, has been in use for more than twenty-five years, far longer than the average life of a steam heating plant. It gave way during the winter and the disabled part was simply cut off from the rest as beyond repair. The Committee have no hope of being able to use the boiler through another year. Shall it be authorized to incur debt in providing for the heating of this much used building and look through Synod to the Churches for its payment? The only alternative, that of closing the Library, is one which we are confident that the Synod and the Church will never accept. That there are only two courses open to the Committee will be shown from the condition of the Library Maintenance Fund as described in another paragraph of this report.

There is no longer sufficient shelf room in the Library for the books, and another practical argument is added to the Librarian's repeated appeal for an addition to the building. The Standing Committee will welcome such an addition if it can be procured, and if it comes *properly endowed*.

Grounds and Property.

A sewer assessment amounting to \$420 has been laid upon the property by the City of New Brunswick. It will be followed by another assessment for paving the street on the West side of the Campus. The Standing Committee has no resources with which properly to meet these assessments for improvements outside the grounds. Synod's Special Committee has provided for the payment of the first one. For the other no provision has as yet been made.

Very little has been done with the income from the fund for the care of grounds and buildings during the year. The reason for this is that the Committee expects being compelled to put in connections between all the buildings and the sewer in the near future, and desires to be in position to make the house formerly occupied by the Professor of Church History, habitable, when its use shall be required. This will need the expenditure of a considerable sum.

The roadways and grounds have not been cared for as they should have been, but the buildings have not been allowed to suffer. Only necessary repairs have been made, however, and improvements sadly needed in some directions have been deferred.

The Committee's Finances.

In 1882 the income of the funds administered by this Committee amounted to six and one quarter per cent. of the principal. In 1897 this income was four and one quarter per cent. The net diminution of the Committee's annual resources, notwithstanding the creation of the Professorial Residences Fund in the interval, amounts to \$1,818.55. Retrenchment, possible only in the salary list, has been pushed to the utmost and has amounted only to between three and four hundred dollars. The Committee therefore is cramped on every side, and in two directions is utterly unable to do the work entrusted to it by Synod without incurring debt.

In the Maintenance of Hertzog Hall the income barely meets the fixed charges, viz., the salaries of the Superintendent and Janitor, and the coal, gas, and water bills.

In the Maintenance of the G. A. Sage Library the income is insufficient to meet these fixed charges, and an actual debt, carried by the Librarian, already exists. In both buildings much remains to be done beyond the payment of these fixed charges.

The Committee therefore has transmitted to Synod's Special Committee, its own conviction that each of these Maintenance Funds should be increased by the sum of \$10,000, and that the Buildings and Grounds Fund, the only fund in which the Committee has any discretion in the application of income, should, in view of the constantly varying center of greatest need, be increased by \$30,000. We would most earnestly repeat this conviction directly to General Synod, reminding your honorable body that such an increase of principal will yield only slightly more than the Committee received in 1882, provided prevailing rates of interest can be maintained, of which last there seems to be but slender hope.

Conclusion.

The Committee desires to express to Synod its thanks for Synod's response to the request for the appointment of a Special Committee to consider the finances of the Seminary, contained in our last report. We desire also to give expression to our appreciation of the great, though temporary, relief for our more pressing embarrassments provided by kind friends of the Seminary through the Special Committee's efforts.

We respectfully request that this work of relief shall be continued by Synod through this Special Committee or such other agency as Synod shall in its wisdom determine upon, until an income adequate to the proper conduct of the work of this Institution shall be secured.

The term of Mr. Frederick T. Kirk expires this year.

For the Committee,

J. P. SEARLE,

President.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In compliance with the Resolution of the General Synod, June, 1876, the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, N. J., hereby makes to the General Synod a full report of its financial affairs for the fiscal year ending May 1, 1898.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

STANDING COMMITTEE on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, N. J., in account with FREDERICK T. KIRK, Treasurer.

1897		Dr.	
June	1	To Payment Philip Case, salary for May.	\$58 34
		James Reiley, salary for May.....	54 17
		Philip Case, cleaning hall, etc.....	15 00
		John Garry, removing snow and ashes.....	13 25
		Walter Flavell, polishing floors.....	10 00
	18	John C. VanDyke, books and expressage... ..	21 05
		John C. VanDyke, contingent expenses....	32 85
	22	Hugh McKeag, plumbing.....	15 50
	25	John C. VanDyke, amt. paid E. L. Clickner for painting of house, etc.....	100 75
		Wm. S. Strong, supplies.....	3 00
		Wm. Rowland, supplies.....	4 25
		Manning Brothers, supplies.....	17 75
		Henry J. Tice, pansies.....	3 00
		P. H. Hendricks & Son, mason work.....	7 85
		C. W. Russell, coal for Hertzog Hall.....	22 50
		University of Chicago, books.....	3 00
		Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	4 80
		James T. White & Co., books.....	10 00
July	1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 34
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 17
	3	Andrew T. Manley, carpenter work.....	24 48
	16	Board of Direction, 6 months interest.....	71 50
		John C. VanDyke, salary and extra services	375 00
	19	Water Commissioners, Hertzog Hall.....	12 66
		Gas Light Co., Hertzog and Suydam Halls.	118 22
	28	Philip Case, cleaning of Hertzog Hall.....	100 00
Aug.	2	Philip Case, salary.....	58 34
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 17
Sept.	1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 34
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 17
	15	Board of Publication, books.....	95 80
	20	Wm. A. Baker, printing reports.....	22 00
		Frederick T. Kirk, for expenses.....	100 00
Oct.	1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 34
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 17
	7	Wm. H. Pette, painting.....	246 54

1897		Dr.	
Oct.	11	To Payment Water Commissioners.....	\$22 99
	19	Gas Light Co., for Hertzog Hall.....	39 38
		Gas Light Co., for Suydam Hall.....	4 14
		Philip Case, cleaning hall, etc.....	33 25
	25	J. P. Searle, for Frank Kennedy, 16 loads of dirt	3 20
	27	The H. B. Claflin Co., napkins.....	10 83
Nov.	2	Philip Case, salary for October.....	58 34
		James Reiley, salary for October	54 17
	9	J. C. VanDyke, salary to October 1st	250 00
		Smith's Express, carting.....	5 00
		John Garry, carting ashes, etc.....	41 25
		Fred P. Gottschalk, repairing locks, etc....	4 25
		Rolfe & Son, clothes line posts.....	2 50
		J. E. Powelson & Co., beds and springs....	52 70
		P. J. Young & Co., blankets and toweling..	4 11
	16	Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	13 13
Dec.	1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 34
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 17
	7	Dr. D. D. Demarest, approp'tion for papers	100 00
	20	The Critic Co., subscriptions.....	3 00
		Educational Review, subscription.....	6 00
		Palestine Exploration Fund, subscription..	5 00
		The Review of Reviews Co., subscription..	5 00
		William Rowland, supplies.....	15 02
		Wm. S. Strong, supplies	20 03
		Andrew T. Manley, carpenter work.....	119 22
		Manning Brothers, supplies.....	20 85
		Hugh McKeag, plumbing.....	94 60
	23	Board of Publication, books	150 14
	29	C. W. Russell, coal for Hertzog Hall.....	596 23
		C. W. Russell, coal for Suydam Hall.....	117 50
		C. W. Russell, coal for Sage Library.....	70 50
1898			
Jan.	3	Philip Case, salary for December.....	58 33
		James Reiley, salary for December.....	54 17
	15	P. H. Hendricks & Son, mason work.....	88 01
		Water Commissioners.....	17 09
		Janeway & Co., papering	70 00
	17	Gas Light Co., Hertzog Hall.....	234 58
		Gas Light Co., Suydam Hall.....	5 25
	28	The Catholic World, subscription.....	3 00
Feb.	1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 33
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
	23	Runyon Brothers, brooms.....	4 65
		Wm. S. Strong, supplies.....	5 33
		William Rowland, supplies.....	15 61
		Manning Brothers, chairs... ..	11 25
		P. J. Young Dry Goods Co., blankets, etc...	31 25
		Wm. Rust & Sons, supplies.....	3 08
		John Garry, carting.....	10 00
		Andrew T. Manley, carpenter work.....	16 40
		Janeway & Co., papering	33 78
	26	J. S. Mundy, new steam boiler, etc., for Hertzog Hall.....	892 29

1898		Dr.	
March	1	To Payment Philip Case, salary.....	\$58 33
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
	15	Hugh McKeag, plumbing.....	67 93
		Wm. H. Pette, painting.....	22 33
		R. R. Bowker, subscription.....	5 00
		Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	33 63
	16	John C. VanDyke, salary to Jan. 1, 1898....	375 00
	18	Board of Direction, 6 mos. int. to Jan. 1, '98:	71 50
	25	Board of Publication, books.....	258 04
April	1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 33
		James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
	11	Water Commissioners, water rent.....	36 33
	23	Gas Light Co., Hertzog Hall.....	215 60
		Gas Light Co., Suydam Hall.....	5 04
	25	John Garry, removing ashes, etc.....	5 00
		Hugh McKeag, plumbing work.....	11 32
		Andrew T. Manley, carpenter work.....	5 05
		Wm. S. Strong, supplies.....	6 55
		C W. Russell, coal for Hertzog Hall.....	47 00
	30	Board of Publication, books.....	243 31
		Philip Case, salary for April.....	58 33
		James Reiley, salary for April.....	54 16
		Balance on hand.....	341 50
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			\$7.802 30

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May	1	By Balance as per last report.....	\$356 51
June	23	By Cash received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer :	
		For the Maintenace of Hertzog Hall.....	100 00
		For repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	50 00
		For repairs to the Professorial Dwellings ..	75 00
		For repairs and imp. of b'ld'gs and grounds.	500 00
		For the maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	150 00
		For the maintenance of Sage Library.....	180 00
		For the purchase of books for Sage Library	175 00
July	16	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For the maintenance of Sage Library.....	300 00
	27	By cash received from Board of Education:	
		For students room rent.....	501 50
Nov.	8	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For the maintenance of Sage Library.....	400 00
		For the purchase of books for Sage Library	150 00
		For the maintenance of Hertzog Hall.....	525 00
		For the maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	185 00
		For repairs and imp. of b'ld'gs and grounds	150 00
		For repairs and imp. of Prof. Dwellings....	50 00
		For repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	325 00
Dec.	22	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For the purchase of books for Sage Library	175 00
	29	By cash received from the Board of Education:	
		For students room rent to Dec. 31, 1897....	612 00
1898			
Feb.	3	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For new boiler and piping put in H. Hall...	75 00
	15	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For maintenance of Hertzog Hall.....	200 00
		For purchase of books for Sage Library....	150 00
		For repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	50 00
		For repairs and imp. of b'ld'gs and grounds	150 00
		For repairs and imp. of Prof. Dwellings....	100 00
		For maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	250 00
	26	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For Theological Seminary expenses, balance of bill for new boiler and fittings	817 29
March	16	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For maintenance of Sage Library.....	450 00
		For purchase of books for Sage Library....	100 00
April	21	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For maintainance of Hertzog Hall.....	275 00
	29	From Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer:	
		For purchase of books for Sage Library....	225 00
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			\$7,802 30

Examined and found correct.

H. W. HOAGLAND,
DAVID MURRAY.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 19th, 1898.

SUMMARY OF EACH TRUST ACCOUNT.

In Gross.

PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL, CURRENT EXPENSES.

Balance as per last report.....	\$55 55
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	1,100 00
From Board of Education for Student's room rent.....	1,113 50
	<hr/> \$2,269 05
Expended since last report.....	2,222 75
Balance unexpended... ..	<hr/> \$46 30

MRS. ANN HERTZOG ENDOWMENT.

For the keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

Balance as per last report.....	\$14 54
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	425 00
	<hr/> \$439 54
Expended since last report.....	377 91
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$61 63

JAMES SUYDAM ENDOWMENT.

For the maintainance and support of Suydam Hall.

Balance as per last report.....	\$44 53
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	585 00
	<hr/> \$629 53
Expended since last report	581 99
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$47 54

JAMES SUYDAM ENDOWMENT.

For repairs and improvement of building and grounds.

Balance as per last report.....	\$140 08
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	800 00
	<hr/> \$940 08
Expended since last report.....	853 83
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$86 25

JAMES SUYDAM SPECIAL FUND.

For the repairs of the Professorial Dwellings.

Balance as per last report.....	\$6 35
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	225 00
	<u>\$231 35</u>
Expended since last report.....	201 14
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$30 21</u>

GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

For the maintenance of the Sage Library.

Balance as per last report.....	\$40 97
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	\$1,330 00
	<u>\$1,370 97</u>
Expended since last report	1,350 87
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$20 10</u>

GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

For the purchase of books for the Sage Library.

Balance as per last report.....	\$54 49
Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer.....	975 00
	<u>\$1,029 49</u>
Expended since last report.....	980 02
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$49 47</u>

SPECIAL FUND.

For Expenses of the Theological Seminary.

Received from Frank R. VanNest, Treasurer :	
For new boiler, piping, etc., for Hertzog Hall.....	\$892 29
Expended for new boiler, etc.....	892 29

Examined and found correct.

H. W. HOAGLAND,
DAVID MURRAY.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 19th, 1898.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Report

... of the ...

Board of Education, R. C. A.

presented to the

GENERAL SYNOD

... at ...

ASBURY PARK, N. J., JUNE, 1898

The Board of Education R. C. A., respectfully presents to the General Synod a summary of its work for the church during the year ending April 30, 1898.

I. STUDENTS.

Sixteen students have been received under the care of the Board from May 1st, 1897 to April 30, 1898.

Two have been dropped from the roll of the Board for violation of rules. It appears that the hardest rule of the Board to be observed by some of the young men unto the end of the course, is that respecting marriage.

One has transferred his membership to the Episcopal church.

One went to another Theological Seminary.

One had to withdraw temporarily on account of the death of his father.

The whole number now on the roll of the Board is 102.

These are located as follows :

New Brunswick Seminary.....	30
Western Seminary.....	18
Rutger's College... ..	16
Hope College.....	29
Union University....	2
Williams College	1
Lafayette College....	1
Grammar Schools.....	5

From the Faculties of these several institutions, reports have been received as usual.

II. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Three schools are now on this fund. They are connected with feeble churches and of course are not large. The pastors testify to their usefulness to the children and their helpfulness in enlisting the interest of parents in the church and in various other ways. Twenty dollars have been received from the schools.

III. COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.

The usual reports from these will without doubt be laid before the Synod. The Board has again to express its regret that it has been unable to make the appropriation toward their support recommended by the last General Synod.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT.

This is herewith appended and made part of this report. Offerings have been received from three hundred and forty-five churches, an increase of twenty-eight over last year, but their offerings are less by thirty-four dollars and thirteen cents.

V. LAST SYNOD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board of Education has always prided itself upon its promptness in carrying out the requirements of the General Synod. It has not failed this year.

With regard to the reduction of expenses of administration as recommended last year, we report that since Oct. 1st, 1897, the salary of the Corresponding Secretary has been placed at \$1,500 per annum, a reduction of \$900. From May 1st, this year, the rent of room paid to the Board of Direction will be \$300, a reduction of \$200; total reduction \$1,100.

The offerings for the Educational Fund from all sources amounted to \$6,338.66, less than last year by \$99.34.

The Synod also required an estimated statement of the needs of the Board for its work during the year. This can only be approximate and suggestive, as on so many items expenses vary. We give the following :

Students 13,000; salary \$1500; room rent \$300; Janitor \$78; college fees and room rent \$1,996; Mission Field \$200; interest \$345; incidentals \$205; total \$17,624.

To this should be added the amount of the Board's indebtedness \$5,700, and also \$4,000, amount recommended by the General Synod to be appropriated to Hope College and Academies. Grand total, \$27,324.

The Synod also directed that \$10,000 should be appropriated among the Classes for the year just closed. This was carefully done as soon after the adjournment of Synod as possible. Some Classes had complied with Synod's direction and appointed an Educational Agent. In each of the others a minister was invited to act as agent. With these repeated communications were had. Everything possible was done to create interest. The result has already been stated under the heading of Treasurer's report. The appropriation has not been reached. Why? What is the cause?

Shall then the apportionment of \$10,000 among the Classes be renewed this year? Certainly, the tide will doubtless begin to turn this year and float into the treasury larger gifts.

REPORT ON

VI. MEMORANDA

We render grateful acknowledgement to our Heavenly Father that death has not entered our circle. Our Corresponding Secretary, on March 20th, was suddenly stricken with sickness, which incapacitated him for work in the busiest season for weeks. During it the Treasurer in great kindness took up the financial work in the office and at no little sacrifice carried it to the end of the year aided by such work as the Secretary could do at home and in connection with the expert accountant, Mr. F. E. Fenner, prepared the annual report of the Treasurer.

The terms of office of the following members expire and must be filled at this meeting of the General Synod

Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D. D.	Mr. Peter Quackenbush,
“ R. Terry, D. D.	“ N. S. King, M. D.,
“ Theo W. Wells, D. D.,	“ Geo. W. Smiley.
“ H. D. B. Mulford,	Hon. John F. Post.

Adopted by the Board, ordered printed—the usual number, and sent to the General Synod.

GILES H. MANDEVILLE,

Corresponding Secretary.

New York, May 16, 1898.

REPORT ON

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash Account for the Year Ending April 30, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand April 30, 1897.....			\$
" For Students' Special Fund.....	\$329 00		
" " Hope College Fund.....	175 61		
" " Northwestern Academy Fund.....	12 70		
" " Pleasant Prairie College Fund.....	100 00		
" " Parochial School Fund Offerings ..	\$20 00		
" " " from Board of Direction			
Interest.....	491 80	511 80	1,1
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" From Churches.....(345)....	4,942 08		
" " Individuals.....(40)....	1,044 50		
" " Sunday-schools.....(22)....	210 50		
" " Y. P. S. C. E.....(3)....	40 00		
" " Ladies' Auxiliary.....(1)....	10 00		
" " Ladies' Society.....(1)....	10 00		
" " Bible Class.....(3)....	36 58		
" " Ladies' Union Mission Soc'y, Albany(1)	15 00		
" " Bethany Chapel.....	25 00		
" " Tithe Box.....	5 00		
" " Account Repayment.....	62 50		
" " Interest, Permanent Fund.....	3,570 18		
" " " Board of Direction.....	7,249 26		
" " Bequest, Eleanor Myer, (balance).	250 00		
" " Loan.....	200 00	17,6	
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			\$18,8

N. B.--The Treasurer of the Board of Benevolence at Holland, Mich., reports educational aid to students from the Classes of Holland, Grand River and Wisc total of receipts of \$469.30.

The principal of the Northwestern Academy reports that the Board of Benevolence the Northwest Classes has raised \$2,400 for arrears and \$1,600 for present need Academy.

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Cash Account for the Year Ending April 30, 1898.

PAYMENTS.

By Students' Special Fund.....	\$ 335 00	
" Hope College Fund.....	12 55	
" Northwestern Academy Fund.....	7 70	
" Parochial School Fund.....	87 50	442 75
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" Interest Hope College, Letuson Fund.....	25 00	
" " " " Jessup Fund.....	125 00	150 00
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" " Northwestern Academy, Jessup Fund		125 00
" " to Individuals.....		*292 50
" Hope College, Room rent and fees.....		678 00
" Rutgers College, Fees.....		165 00
" Hertzog Hall, Room rent.....		1,113 50
" Board of Direction, Rent.....		500 00
" Corresponding Secretary, Salary.....		1,708 35
" " " " for traveling expenses		38 76
" " " " " " " "		
Students.....		25 00
" Treasurer, Salary for Assistant.....		166 67
" " for Box in Safety Vault.....		10 00
" Board of Publication, postals, stamps, etc....		42 72
" Janitor.....		76 80
" Taxes, etc.....		224 85
" Mission Field.....		200 00
" Printing.....		41 50
" Loan.....		350 00
" Offering received by mistake and returned to Board of Direction		8 00
" Students		11,813 52
" Balance in Bank.....		650 09
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		\$18,823 01

R. N. PERLEE, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the report of the Treasurer, Mr. R. N. Perlee, of the several Funds in his hands and find them correct with balance \$650.09 in Bank.

D. MASTER,
J. C. HARING.

* One hundred and fifty dollars of this sum is paid to persons who have a life interest in the income.

REPORT ON

PERMANENT FUND.

1897.

May 1. By amount brought forward.....\$78,16

Memorandum—This fund has been raised by the
following donations:

May 1, 1898.

1865	Charles Duzenbury.....	\$3,500 00
1873	Garret Kowenhoven.....	3,000 00
1873	Miss Mary Le Conte.....	3,000 00
1873	James Peters.....	3,325 00
1875	John V. L. Van Doren.....	5,833 00
1876	Miss Margaret E. Duryea.....	5,000 00
1877	Jeremiah Fuller.....	3,007 50
1878	Miss Mary D. Schaffer... ..	3,000 00
1878	Miss Mary M. Danser.....	3,000 00
1879	Rev. A. T. Stewart.....	3,000 00
1880	Rev. Joseph Scudder	1,000 00
1883	Brush Memorial Fund.....	3,000 00
1889	The Mrs. Cornelia A. and Miss Liddie R. Statesir Scholarship.	3,000 00
1890-2	'Berean' Scholarship.	2,000 00
1891	Daniel P. Conover Scholarship.	3,000 00
1893	Isaac E. Bergen.....	2,000 00
1893	Thomas Jesup.....	2,500 00
1894	Sarah Platt Remsen Scholarship	3,000 00
1894	Phebe A. Remsen, "	3,000 00
1895	Asher Riley "	3,000 00
1895	Frederick Cook "	3,000 00

FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOPE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

1884	Kesiah Lansing Fund.....	2,000 00
1885	Johnson Letson Fund.....	1,000 00
1891	Rev. Wm. Brush Scholarship..	2,000 00
1893	Thomas Jesup.....	2,500 00

FOR THE BENEFIT OF NORTHWESTERN ACADEMY.

1892	Thomas Jesup.....	2,500 00
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\$78,165 50

INVESTMENTS.

Mortgages.....	\$68,30
To loan to Education Fund.....	\$1,900 00
To balance cash certificates of Mercantile Trust Co.	3,665 50

\$78.16

INDIVIDUAL OFFERINGS.

Anonymous. C. G. B.....	10 00
A Friend.....	23 00
*A Helper.....	50 00
A Friend.....	600 00
Absent Member	5 00
A. D. S.....	5 00
A Worker for the Lord.....	5 00
Rev. E. R. Atwater.....	20 00
The Late John Parson Atwater.....	5 00
Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	2 00
Mrs. A. J. B.....	6 00
John Boon.....	1 50
Mrs. H. C. Bowman.....	5 00
Rev. Jas. E. Bernart.....	5 00
Mrs. Hester L. Bird.....	25 00
Members of Church Kingston.....	25 00
Rev. J. Davis	4 50
Rev. J. H. Van Doren.....	5 00
Rev. H. and Mrs. Vander Ploeg.....	2 50
Friends at Pompton Plains.....	2 00
Rev. R. J. Hogan.....	25 00
Rev. H. Huizinga.....	5 00
Mrs. Clara M. Hutchings.....	2 00
J. C. Haring, M.D.....	5 00
Rev. J. N. Jansen.....	5 00
Peter Lott.....	60 00
Mrs. S. M. Lansing.....	2 00
Rev. S. W. Mills.....	5 00
Rev. Prof. H. D. B. Mugford.....	20 00
Mrs. H. B. Nostrand.....	10 00
Peter Neefus.....	5 00
J. T. Post.....	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Sherwood "In Memoriam".....	25 00
Mrs. Anna R. Slingerland.....	22 00
Mrs. J. Scudder.....	10 00
Rev. A. Stageman.....	3 00
Rev. Isaac Sperling.....	5 00
Rev. W. T. Scudder.....	10 00
Miss A. M. V. Z.....	5 00
Arthur G. Vedder.....	5 00
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	\$1,044 50

SYNOPSIS OF ACCOUNTS, APRIL 30, 189

Education Fund.

1895									
May 1	To Balance as published..... ..	\$5,280	93						
1896									
April 30	" payments for year ending this date..	18,570	67						
1897									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..	18,874	82						
1898									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..	17,880	17						
1896									
April 30	By Receipts " " " " " " ..			17,77					
1897									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..			16,82					
1898									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..			17,47					
	" Balance carried forward..... ..			8,53					
		60,106	64	60,10					
1898									
May 1	To Balance brought forward..... ..	8,532	92						

Students' Special Fund.

1895									
May 1	By Balance, as published..... ..			12					
1896									
April 30	" Receipts for year ending this date..			34					
1897									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..			24					
1898									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..			32					
1896									
April 30	To Payments " " " " " " ..	382	50						
1897									
April 30	" " " " " " " ..	260	00						

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1898			
April 30	To Payments for year ending this date..	885 00	
	" Balance carried forward.....	65 86	
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		1,042 86	1,042 86

1898			
May 1	By Balance brought forward.....		65 86

Hope College Fund.

1895			
May 1	By Balance, as published.....		9 25
1896			
April 30	" Receipts for year ending this date..		256 34
1897			
April 30	" " " " " " "		153 63
1898			
April 30	" " " " " " "		175 61
1896			
April 30	To Payments " " " " " "	265 59	
1897			
April 30	" " " " " " "	153 63	
1898			
April 30	" " " " " " "	12 55	
	To Balance carried forward.....	163 06	
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		594 83	594 83
1898			
May 1	By Balance brought forward		163 06

Northwestern Academy Fund.

1896			
April 30	By Receipts for year ending this date..		236 90
1897			
April 30	" " " " " " "		50 00
1898			
April 30	" " " " " " "		12 70
1896			
April 30	To Payments " " " " " "	288 90	
1897			
April 30	" " " " " " "	50 00	

REPORT ON

1898			
April 30	To Payments for year ending this date..	7 70	.
	" Balance carried forward.....	5 00	
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		801 60	801 60
1898			
May 1	By Balance brought forward		5 00

Pleasant Prairie College Fund.

1898.

May 1	By Balance, being amounts received for year ending April 30, 1898.....	\$100 00
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Parochial School Fund.

1895			
May 1	By Balance, as published.....		254 00
1896			
April 30	" Receipts for year ending this date..		564 80
1897			
April 30	" " " " " " " ..		506 80
1898			
April 30	" " " " " " " ..		511 80
1896			
April 30	" Payments " " " " " ..	800 00	
1897			
April 30	" " " " " " " ..	800 00	
1898			
April 30	" " " " " " " ..	87 50	
	" Balance carried forward....	649 59	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,837 09	1,837 00
1898			
May 1	By Balance brought forward.....		649 50

Loans.

1895			
May 1	By Balance, as published.....		3,000 00
1896			
April 30	" Receipts for year ending this date..		550 00

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1897									
April 30	By Receipts	for year ending	this date..					1,200	00
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1,750	00
1898									
April 30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	200	00
1896									
April 30	To Payments	"	"	"	"	"	"	50	00
1897									
April 30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	600	00
1898									
April 30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	850	00
	"	Balance carried forward	.....					5,700	00
								<u>6,700</u>	<u>00</u>
								6,700	00
1898									
May 1	By Balance brought forward	.....						5,700	00

Security Fund.

May 1	By Balance, as published (no interest is payable on this amount).....	2,500	00
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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Balance Sheet.

To Education Fund.....	\$8,532 92	
By Students' Special Fund.....		65 86
" Hope College Fund.....		163 06
" Northwestern Academy Fund		5 00
" Parochial School Fund.....		649 59
" Loans.....		5,700 00
" Security Fund.....		2,500 00
" Pleasant Prairie College Fund.....		100 00
" Permanent Fund.....		73,165 50
" Investments.....	73,165 50	
To Balance Cash on hand.....	650 09	
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	\$ 82,343 51	\$82,348 51

R. N. PERLEE, *Treasurer.*

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Report
OF THE
Board of Foreign Missions
OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

AND
FORTY-FIRST OF SEPARATE ACTION
With the Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Reports of Re-
ceipts For the Year ending April 30, 1898.



OFFICES OF THE BOARD
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**PRESS OF
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NEW YORK**

REPORT.

It has been the high and happy privilege of the Reformed Church to send into the mission field a number of men who, by their personal character, intellectual quality and attainments, thorough devotion to Christ and His service, and their work and achievements on the field, have won a high place for themselves in missionary annals, reflected honor on the Church that sent them forth, and signally contributed to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Among them all, none has taken, and none deserves, higher rank than the late Guido F. Verbeck, D.D., who died at his post in Japan on the 10th of March, 1898.

Dr. Guido F. Verbeck. One of the pioneers in that field, when first opened for the introduction of the Gospel, he began at once to gather to himself the confidence of those with whom he came in contact, by his conspicuous ability, his transparent truthfulness, his wide range of knowledge, his polyglot facility in speech, his singular modesty and unswerving and untiring devotion to duty. Used of God, in a remarkable degree, for the guidance of those who were suddenly called to shape the destinies of the new Empire, he so acquitted himself as to win high honors from the government. While he contributed much to its permanent establishment and introduction into the family of nations, being for nine years its trusted adviser and under its employment, he never compromised his Christian and missionary character, and returned with gladness, at the expiration of this period of service, to the more congenial and no less

honorable service of the Christian missionary. Honored as no other by all his missionary brethren of every name, by the people to whose elevation and evangelization he gave himself, and by the government, he passed suddenly to his reward. The tidings of his death elicited numerous and heartfelt expressions of appreciation and sympathy, from individuals, missions in Japan, Boards in this country and from the press and government of Japan. Several foreign legations beside our own were represented at his funeral, as well as the Japanese government, which, besides floral decorations, sent a company of soldiers to escort the body to the grave, for which the city authorities of Tokyo had made generous and gratuitous provision.

This is not the place for even a cursory review of the life and work of this truly remarkable servant of God and the Church. It is hoped that a suitable memorial will, at no distant day, be prepared by a competent and sympathetic hand. That life and work, and their providential connection with our Church, however, deserve our grateful recognition.

*Mr. D. Jackson
Steward.*

Only a few weeks before the death of Dr. Verbeck, occurred that of Mr. D. Jackson Steward, on February 8. Though not a member of the Board at the time of his decease, Mr. Steward was one of the two gentlemen who made it possible for the Board to begin its Mission in Japan in 1859. By his liberality, in conjunction with Mr. Thomas C. Doremus and the South Church of New York, of which both were members, and by their pledges of the amount necessary for the support of three missionaries for a term of years, the sending out of the first party, of which Drs. Brown and Verbeck were members, was made possible. Elected a member of the Board in 1868, he served it faithfully for 29 years, and until compelled, by growing infirmity and inability to attend its meetings, to resign. He lived to see surprising results from his far-sighted Christian benevolence and that of his associates. The Board holds his services in grateful remembrance, and has placed its sense of them on record.

STATE OF THE MISSIONS.

Opportunity Undiminished. In the report for last year attention was called to the fact that all the fields now under our care presented opportunities for enlarged effort, which there were no means in the hands of the Board or the Missions to embrace. This is still true, notwithstanding the trite saying that opportunities neglected never return. They are abundant and constant in all our fields, simply for the reason that the Missions are in the midst of a surrounding world of heathen darkness, which every added ray of light serves to throw into still deeper gloom and make the need of greater light still more apparent. But special opportunities have been lost, and are being lost, because of this lack of means and force. The particular reports from the Missions, presented herewith, show both the opportunities and the needs. To them reference is made. Only the briefest resumé of their contents and principal features can be given here.

Depleted Condition. *China.*—The condition of the Amoy Mission has been a source of anxiety to the Board during the entire year, and still is. For reasons of health four of the unmarried women attached to it have been at home during the greater part of the year. Circumstances have seemed to necessitate the withdrawal of Mr. Fraser and Dr. Fest. The proper thing to do in such a case would have been to send out immediately at least two men to take their places. But this the Board did not feel authorized to do. The utmost it ventured to undertake was to authorize the sending out of another man, *provided* the necessary funds were received in addition to the regular contributions. Meantime the Mission is weaker than it has been in years and the funds do not come.

Prosperous Churches. It is a relief to turn from this view and read of the successes which have attended the work of the gospel ministry among the churches. The total number received on confession was 133, or more than 11 per cent. Several of the churches report a large

increase, notably those of Sio-khe (28), Tong-An (18), Chiang-chiu and Thian-san (each 16). The net increase in communicants was 78, in spite of the fact that the churches lost 59 members by death alone. The contributions of the churches exceeded those of the previous year by more than \$400, Mexican.

Chiang-chiu

Occupied.

The occupation, permanent it is hoped of Chiang-chiu, is also a matter of congratulation and hope. Already the good results of such occupation are perceived in the quickened condition of the church and its out-stations. The importance of this city, as a station, was perceived by David Abeel. From that time to this efforts have been made to maintain a missionary permanently resident there. But the demands of the work, in other directions, have been such that it has been impossible. Mr. Studley has now taken up his residence there and desires to continue. His presence has already given impulse and encouragement to the native helpers and brethren, and the happiest results are looked for from his occupancy. Similar results would almost certainly follow the occupancy of Tong-An, so long desired by the Mission and prayed for by the brethren there.

Interest in

Education.

Increased interest in Education also marks the year. The Boys' Academy (Talmage Memorial), had sixty-two boys enrolled, the largest number in its history. The entering class numbered thirty-two. The demand for instruction in English and the Western sciences is beginning to assert itself quite positively. An Anglo-Chinese school has been opened at Chiang-chiu, under decidedly Christian auspices although liberal contributions are made for its support and for a suitable building, by non-Christians of rank and standing. Missionaries of our own and the English Presbyterian Missions are on the Board of Directors, together with Christian native preachers and teachers. No cost is entailed on either Mission, but members of each

give as much instruction as their other duties will permit. In this transition period in China, it is well that the new education should be in the hands of Christian men, whether foreigners or natives. A similar effort at Amoy has been made, but for the present, at least, without success.

**Woman's
Work.**

The amount of work done by the women of the Mission has been, of necessity, much diminished by the absence of so many of them in this country. There is reason to hope that most, if not all, of them will be able to return to the field and their work during the coming year. Pleasing incidents in connection with it are given in the report by Miss Talmage.

**Medical
Work.**

In the line of medical work, little has been done in comparison with previous years. Annoying delays prevented the early completion of Hope Hospital, and much of Dr. Otte's time was necessarily devoted to building operations. After much difficulty and opposition, an eligible site was secured on Kolongsu, and recent advices give hope that the hospital has already been opened for patients. Meantime, such use as was possible has been made of the old hospital at Tek-chiu-kha, in the city. The number of patients there treated has not been reported. Contracts have also been given out, and work begun, for the new Woman's Hospital, for which \$2,518 have been furnished by friends in the Netherlands.

Neerbosch Hospital, at Sio-khe, was opened early in the year by Dr. Fest, after being long closed. But a serious attack of illness compelled the doctor to leave China and spend the greater part of the year in Japan. As a consequence, the hospital was again closed, to the great regret of the native community and of all concerned. Under these circumstances, those who formerly contributed to the support of beds therein have been advised to transfer their contributions to the Hope Hospital, at Amoy, as no definite date can be fixed for the re-opening of the other.

Progress Everywhere. *India.* — The report from the Arcot Mission strikes a grateful if not jubilant key. Rejoicing in reinforcement, and in the largest number of missionaries ever on the field at one time, it rejoices also in progress all along the line. While some few items show a reduction, yet there have been gains in the number of out-stations, of which eleven more are reported, of 72 families, and of 466 in the total of congregations. The churches received 149 to the communion on confession of their faith, a net gain of 116, and the native congregations contributed Rs. 355 more than last year, a gain of more than 10 per cent. Quite a noticeable increase of interest is manifested in some places, in the matters of self-support and of individual activity in Christian work. Upon continued advancement in these respects, depends the future growth and prosperity of the churches, as well as the thorough evangelization of the great non-Christian community. Any improvement in these directions, therefore, is matter for rejoicing. That contributions should have increased in a year of hard times and famine, is most encouraging, and affords a lesson which we at home may well take to heart.

Loss of Two Pastors. While rejoicing in these evident tokens of God's favor, the Mission has yet been called to mourn the death of two of its most useful ordained ministers, the pastors of the churches of Vellore and Madanapalle. The record of their lives, furnished by the missionaries resident at those stations, and who knew them best, has been left nearly intact (see pages 18-20), so that the Church at home may know what sort of men the Lord is raising up, as the most perfect fruit of missionary labor and the hope of the rising Church in India, and may join heartily in the prayer, "God raise up more such men to push forward his kingdom."

Deficient Spiritually. The need of such men is emphasized by what is said of the lack of spirituality on the part of some of the helpers. It is manifest that such

a lack must be as fatal to spiritual efficiency, to say the least, in India as in this country, and must prove one of the greatest obstacles to true success. The Church has need to remember this, if tempted sometimes to be impatient at the apparently slow growth of our Mission churches, and to pray earnestly and constantly for the abundant and effectual working of the Holy Spirit in and with missionaries and native preachers alike. And this not only in India but in all our mission fields.

***A Preaching
Mission.***

It has always been the claim of this Mission that it was emphatically a "preaching mission." And this claim is borne out by the number of preaching places, or out-stations, where regular preaching services are maintained. Not less is it proven by the wide extent of evangelistic tours and preaching. The statistics of this sort of effort show that the gospel was preached 38,343 times, in 23,919 places, and to audiences numbering 670,749. To these figures should be added those of the Bible-women and Zenana-workers, less conspicuous, indeed, but no less promising of good results; which show that 18,250 visits were made to 689 houses, with audiences of 46,113 souls. If now, in answer to the prayers of the Church, the Spirit of God should effectually water and give "increase" to this abundant seed-sowing, what marvellous results might be achieved, to the glory of His name.

***A Teaching
Mission.***

But no less truly may this Mission claim to be a "teaching Mission." From the 144 village, or primary schools, its system rises, through Anglo-vernacular, Hindu girls, technical and boarding schools to the college at Vellore, and culminates in the endowed Theological seminary at Palmaner. The total number of schools is 175 and of scholars 5,883. Such an equipment enables the Mission to say that, with two comparatively slight exceptions, "we can meet the wants of all candidates within our bounds for some years to come." The constant aim and effort are to employ Christian teachers, but the endeavor is greatly hindered by the lack

of Christians properly qualified for such work. Notwithstanding, the proportion of non-Christian teachers is diminishing, and the attention of the Mission is steadily turned in this direction. For information in regard to particular schools, reference is made to the full reports appended.

*The College
at Vellore.*

The most notable event in connection with the educational department, is the advancement of the Vellore High School to the rank of a College of Second Grade, and its affiliation with the University. It was with this end in view that the High School of the Scotch Church at Vellore was purchased, and our own school, then at Ranipettai, incorporated with it as its boarding department, for Christian lads. The purchase price of Rs. 10,000 has been paid during the year, and the school had so greatly increased in numbers, that the time seemed to have arrived for taking the desired step. This was accomplished and formally announced in January, 1898. With its 950 pupils, Hindus with the exception of the 85 Christian lads from the boarding department, the conduct of the institution involves great labor and weighty responsibility and demands a head of experience and superior qualifications. The Rev. William I. Chamberlain, who has had charge of it from its reception by us, has been appointed Principal by the Mission. He is now in this country, with the intention of pursuing studies that will be of special use to him, and increase his fitness, in this responsible post. Rev. Henry J. Scudder will serve as Acting Principal during Mr. Chamberlain's absence.

*Christian
Endeavor.*

The reports from all the stations make special recognition of the increasing usefulness of the Christian Endeavor societies, their activity in appropriate work and the benefits resulting therefrom. Several new village societies have been organized in the Vellore, Arcot and Chittoor fields. Great encouragement and stimulus were given to the movement by the visit, for the second time, of Rev. Dr. F. E. Clarke, the founder of the Society. The first Convention of the South India

Union was held at Madura, and attended by a large delegation from the Arcot Mission. It is decided to hold the next Convention at one of the stations of the Arcot Mission.

Prof. Scudder. The serious illness of Rev. J. W. Scudder, D.D., Synod's Professor in the Theological Seminary, in the early part of the year, gave rise to grave apprehensions. His life was mercifully spared, however, and he was able to resume his work of instruction. The prospect of the publication of his lectures, as a text-book of theology in Tamil, a work for which he is eminently qualified, is hailed with satisfaction both by the native Christian community and by missionaries who use that language as a medium of instruction.

Famine Relief. During the earlier part of the year, the Arcot districts suffered less than districts to the North and West, from famine. Yet famine prices for the necessities of life wrought great hardship for many. Relief funds furnished from this country enabled the brethren to give help, and the hope was felt and encouraged that the expected rains would put an end to further fears of scarcity and suffering. Such was not the case, however, and the failure of the later rains made necessary a second appeal for help. Both appeals have met a ready response, and the Board has been enabled to remit \$1350 specially given for this purpose, since May 1, 1897.

Quarter Century. *Japan*—The Quarter-Century of the Church of Christ, and of the introduction of organized Protestant Christianity into Japan, was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies at Yokohama and elsewhere. The Church of Christ is now the largest Protestant body in the Empire in point of membership, though not of organized churches. Of these it has 70, of which 14 are self-supporting, with an adult membership of 11,108. There were 774 adults baptized during the year. The total of Protestant churches for the Em-

pire is 384, a gain of four, and of communicants 40,578, a gain of 2,217 over the previous year.

Coming Opportunity. Many causes have operated to render the growth of the native churches much slower in recent years than it had previously been. These have been so often presented that it is not necessary to specify them now. One of the greatest hindrances, however, to the widest evangelistic work is about to be finally removed. By the coming into force of the revised treaties, in 1899, the whole country is to be practically open, and for the first time, to such effort on the part of foreign missionaries. With such an unrestricted field, all the Missions now operating in Japan should be prepared for the new opportunity. If the policy of concentration, hitherto of necessity pursued, is to be modified in favor of dispersion, it is evident that there should be forces to disperse. These we have not now, certainly not to the extent which the occasion demands.

Signs of Promise. Signs are not wanting of a hopeful state of things in the Church of Christ, and the other churches in Japan. Letters received toward the close of the year, speak of gratifying tokens of quickened spiritual interest and a revived spirit of prayer in Yokohama and other places, and in the South of large numbers of inquirers. In the face of the general absorption in material things, this is full of hope. Renewed attention is being paid to the matter of self-support. In both the Synod and the Council of Missions, this subject received careful consideration and action. Much discussion was also had as to the best methods of co-operation between the Church and the co-operating Missions, the Synod and the Council viewing the matter from different standpoints. No conclusion has yet been reached. But the agitation of these questions gives promise of settlement on a satisfactory basis, if only they be approached and conducted in a conciliatory and Christian spirit, and of greater efficiency in the work both of the Missions and of the Church.

**North Japan
Mission.**

The loss of Dr. Poppen last summer, by reason of the failure of his health, from the Meiji Gakuin, and later that of Dr. Verbeck, whose special ability and aptitudes made him pre-eminently effective as an evangelist, cannot but be severely felt for a long time. It is with the greater satisfaction, therefore, that the Board has been able to send to the field Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Scudder, with Mrs. Schenck, and that Mr. Scudder has the evangelistic work distinctly in view. Yet even so, the Mission has been left weaker than it has been for years, and should receive an addition to its force at the earliest possible time.

**Ferris
Seminary.**

With the return of Mr. and Mrs. Booth to Japan last fall, a re-organization of the Ferris Seminary, looking to its greater efficiency in training young women for Christian work among their countrywomen, was inaugurated. The Academical department was given up, and a Bible-training department established in its place. The first effect of the change has been greatly to diminish the number of students. But it is yet too early to form an opinion as to the ultimate effect. The change was strongly advocated by the Mission and approved by the Board, and it is hoped that, with the same thoroughness which has characterized the instruction given hitherto, this favorite school will not long be left without its full complement of scholars.

**Women and
Children.**

The work for women and children, carried on by Miss Winn at Aomori, and by Misses Brokaw and Deyo at Ueda, grows in interest and importance. The adoption of the former as the Missionary of the Junior Endeavor societies in this country, has served to enlist the sympathies of a wide circle of children and others here at home. A new departure has also been made in the preparation of uniform Sunday-school lessons, by Mr. Miller, for the Sunday-schools of the Church of Christ.

**South Japan
Mission.**

The most notable feature in the report of the South Japan Mission is the great prosperity of the Academical department of Steele Col-

lege. With the largest number of students in its history, it has also an unusually efficient corps of teachers, of whom a larger proportion than usual are Christians. Over against this, however, is to be set the temporary discontinuance of theological instruction owing to the lack of students for that department. Various reasons are assigned for this fact, but whatever be the causes, it is hoped that the condition itself will not be of long duration. It is not too much to hope that the large number now in the academical department may furnish future candidates for the theological department and for the ministry of the Gospel.

Sturges Seminary. The vacancy in the Sturges Seminary caused by the marriage and withdrawal of Mrs. Grinnan (Miss Duryea), has been filled by the appointment of Miss Anna K. Stryker (a daughter of Rev. Dr. Peter Stryker), who entered upon her work in November of last year. The condition of the school is good and its prospects full of hope. Miss Couch, while teaching the Bible in the school, has been able to reach out to the field, by visits and tours, in the interest of the women.

Missionary Needed. The field occupied by this Mission, especially in the northern portion of Kiu shiu, is so extensive and the educational work at Nagasaki is so engrossing to those engaged in it, as to make the addition of at least one new man and family a necessity. The Mission has been urging it for years, and the Board would have gladly complied had it been possible to do so. While the Board and Mission rejoice in the contemplated return of Dr. and Mrs. Stout to this post which they have so long occupied, that will not relieve the work of the need of reinforcement.

Arabia.—The history of the Arabian Mission during the year presents interesting features.

Additions to Force. First among these should be the addition of Rev. F. J. Barny to the force in the field, the appointment of another ordained missionary

Rev. George E. Stone, and the purpose to appoint a new medical missionary so soon as the right man can be found. These additions will be a great source of strength, it is hoped, to this Mission which has been so long undermanned.

House at Muscat. The purchase of a Mission house at Muscat, for the residence of the missionary or missionaries stationed there, and also for the accomodation of the school for rescued slave-boys, marks a step in advance, promotive of the health of the missionary and the welfare of the school. The attempt to raise a fund of \$5000 for building purposes, has resulted in obtaining \$662. It is very desirable that this fund be completed so that a like provision to that at Muscat can be made for the other stations. It is much more economical, in the long run, as well as better in every other way, that Missions own their dwelling houses, school buildings, etc., rather than be subjected to the often unsatisfactory conditions of renting. In this connection, the generous donation of \$400 to complete the purchase of the house at Muscat, followed by a like gift to each of three other Missions for similar use, by an interested layman in one of our western churches, deserves special mention.

Christ or Mohammed, which? An event of interest, in connection with the Mission press, was the issuing of the first Arabic tract, a translation, entitled "Christ or Mohammed, Which?" It was printed and distributed at Muscat, but awakened such opposition that the Sultan interposed to prevent its further circulation. Quiet was restored, but the discussion cannot be without good effect, in directing attention to the truth of the gospel. It is encouraging to note that preaching has been unmolested. The sale of Bibles, Testaments and Scripture portions amounted to a total of 1,779, of which 48 were Bibles and 71 Testaments.

Work for Women. The return of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer to Arabia this summer, will make possible the resumption of work for women, so hopefully

begun by Mrs. Zwemer before their departure for this country. It had been in contemplation to send out one or two unmarried women this year to assist Mrs. Zwemer, but owing to the lack of suitable accommodations for them, it has been thought best to withhold such appointments, for which a number of applications have been received, for another year. It is specially gratifying to note that the support of Mrs. Zwemer has been assumed by the ever-willing Woman's Board of our church, and so that Board actively enlisted in work for Arabia.

***Slave Boys'
School.***

The interesting school for rescued slave-boys at Muscat, seems to be doing a successful work, so far as yet appears. The boys exhibit gratifying docility, and are making commendable progress in religious, intellectual and mechanical knowledge. No addition has been made to the original number though opportunity has not been wanting, some fifty such boys having been captured and freed by a French vessel. Mr. P. J. Zwemer was very desirous to receive these also under his care, to which the French Consul, though a Catholic, agreed. But the Trustees deemed it advisable to wait awhile before adding to the size and expenses of the school. Some hope is held out that the British government, which exercises a protectorate over Muscat, may be willing to make a grant-in-aid to this school, as is the rule in India. Should such be the case, the number may probably be enlarged at no distant date, as the piratical traffic is by no means extinct as yet.

***FINANCIAL:—
Receipts.***

The financial condition of the Mission was never so good as now. The receipts from syndicates and other sources, for the regular work of the Mission, were \$11,437.83, and for special objects, \$2,267.93, a total of \$13,705.76. Two syndicates of \$700 each have been formed, one at Zeeland, Mich., for the support of Rev. S. M. Zwemer, and one among the churches of Sioux County, Iowa, for the support of a new missionary. The Young Peoples' Fund of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, continues the support of Mr.

Barny, so that three members of the Mission are so provided for. Except in the case of Mr. Barny, this result is largely due to the blessing of God on the indefatigable labors of Mr. Zwemer among the churches both East and West. Nearly 300 addresses have been made by him during the year. Mrs. Zwemer also, has rendered valuable service in this direction, having herself made 52 addresses. Had Mr. Zwemer been capable of division or multiplication, much more might have been done in meeting the demand for such service on his part. While the prayers of the Church will follow these devoted servants of God on their return to the field, it will not do to forget that the Mission itself will need, even more than ever, the hearty and generous support of the churches, when his forceful and inspiring appeals are withdrawn.

Expenditures. The total of expenditure for the Mission was \$8,177.60, distributed as follows: For missionaries at home and in the field, \$6,550.39; for printing Annual and quarterly Statements and leaflets, \$299.55; for traveling expenses, \$264.08; bookkeeping, \$300; postage, \$66.15, and incidentals, \$72.83, a total for home expenses of \$1,002.61, beside \$624.60 for outfit and traveling to Arabia of Rev. F. J. Barny. Of the balance on hand, the sum of \$4,000 has been set apart as a "reserve fund," for the purpose of meeting any extraordinary demand, such as may easily arise in the future, and placed on interest at five per cent. per annum. The remainder enables the Trustees to send out to the field at once two new men, one of them a physician, to meet the often and strongly expressed desire for reinforcement. One of them has already been appointed, and there is hope that the doctor has been found, though not appointed as yet. The Trustees rejoice in the ability given them to make these additions to the force in the field, and at the same time remain faithful to the cardinal principle on which the Mission was founded, to incur no obligations which it had not the means pledged or in hand to meet.

*Pressing Need
of Men.*

From what has been said, it is manifest that all our Missions with the possible exception of the Arabian and Arcot, are in great and pressing need of men. The condition of the Amoy Mission makes the strongest possible appeal to us and to the Church. Both of the Missions to Japan are also in need of reinforcement. It is utterly impossible for the brethren in these fields to do the work expected of them, occupy stations, superintend helpers, look after schools, make extended tours among the people to whom they are sent, or in any satisfactory way acquit themselves of the responsibility which rests upon them. Nor is the call for more women less emphatic. The work for which they are especially desired cannot be done by men. Should all the pressing calls be met, not less than three men (one of them a doctor) should be sent to Amoy at once, with two or three women. To North Japan at least two men should go, simply to make good the losses there sustained, and the South Japan Mission repeats the cry it has for years sent up without avail, for at least one more man to take charge of a field too great for those who have the care of it.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Fred. J. Barny sailed from New York on August 11, 1897, and joined the Arabian Mission in October.

Miss Julia Frances Anable, of New Brunswick, N. J., was appointed an Assistant Missionary, and married to Rev. L. B. Chamberlain of the Arcot Mission. Mr. Chamberlain made a brief visit home for the purpose, at his own expense and with the approval of the Board, and returned to India in July, with Mrs. Chamberlain.

Dr. and Mrs. John Scudder returned to India, after several years absence, in September. They were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Henry J. Scudder and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Farrar.

Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Booth returned to Yokohama and the Ferris Seminary in August. They were followed, in

September, by Rev. and Mrs. Frank S. Scudder and Mrs. Jennie D. Schenck, all to the North Japan Mission.

Miss Anna K. Stryker left early in September, for the South Japan Mission and Sturges Seminary.

Rev. Jacob Poppen, Ph.D., of the Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan, was compelled to leave the field by the failure of his health, greatly to the regret of all. He arrived in this country with his family in October.

Misses Cappon, Duryee, Morrison and Zwemer have all been in this country during a large part of the year. It is hoped that the health of all will admit of their early return to the field, where their presence is greatly desired and needed.

Dr. F. T. B. Fest, after proceeding to Sio-khe and reopening the long closed Neerbosch Hospital, was seized, early in the year, by a stroke of apoplexy. His condition was such as to make it necessary for him to go to Japan, where he has since remained. The Board has finally decided it best for him to return to this country.

Rev. A. D. D. Fraser, of the Amoy Mission, has been recalled at his own request, and is now on his way home.

Rev. and Mrs. William I. Chamberlain, with their two children, arrived home on furlough in May, 1898.

UNDER APPOINTMENT.

Rev. George E. Stone, a graduate of Auburn Theological Seminary, and member of the Presbytery of Cuyaga, has been appointed to the Arabian Mission, and expects to go to the field this summer, with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer.

Miss Harriet J. Wyckoff has been appointed to the North Japan Mission and expects to accompany her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. N. Wyckoff on their return to the field this fall.

Miss Anna B. Stout has also been appointed, to the South Japan Mission, to which she expects to accompany Dr. and Mrs. Stout, on their return to Nagasaki in the fall.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

The officers of the Board remain the same as at the beginning of the year.

Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D. resigned his membership, in consequence of his inability to attend the meetings of the Board with regularity. The vacancy thus created was filled by the election of Rev. John G. Fagg, of the Classis of New York.

The term of the following members of the Board expires with this session of the General Synod:

Rev. J. H. Whitehead,	Rev. J. H. Oerter, D.D.,
Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D.,	Mr. V. H. Youngman,
Rev. E. P. Johnson, D.D.,	Mr. F. S. Douglas,
Rev. John G. Fagg,	Mr. Francis Bacon.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

A Most Successful Year. It is not easy to add anything, if it were necessary, to the expression heretofore so often made, of the value and efficiency of this truly admirable Board. It is to be congratulated on the most successful year in its history, so full of successes. The total of its receipts was \$36,216.26, by far the largest amount ever received in any single year. It has received, from the beginning, \$414,945. of which almost the entire sum has, for one purpose or another, been paid into the treasury of Synod's Board. The receipts from that source this year were \$30,076.38, of which, after providing for all woman's work, \$4,151.38 was for special objects outside of the regular appropriations. Among these objects were \$1,800 for a residence bungalow, for the unmarried women at Ranipettai, India, and \$2,000 for a new building for the girls' school on Kolongsu, Amoy. The latter has been needed for years, but the ladies in charge have been too modest to ask for it. The payments also include \$533.86 for the Arabian Mission. The fact that its auxiliaries are interested in that Mission, and the adoption of Mrs. Zwemer, brings the Woman's Board into line with all our work.

**Classical
Conferences.**

It would be less than just not to call attention to the great and growing importance of the Classical Missionary Unions, which the Woman's Board has been so largely instrumental in instituting and sustaining. The Annual Conferences of these Unions have become a valued and recognized force, affording as they do an opportunity for comparison of views and methods, and the stimulation of Missionary interest among the women of the Church.

**Auxiliaries and
Periodicals.**

The number of new Auxiliaries received is thirty-four and the total of Societies and Mission Bands, 538. The time seems not very far distant when, as it should, every Church in the denomination will have its own Auxiliary to this Board. The *Mission Gleaner*, the interesting and useful magazine of the Woman's Board, is still self-sustaining, thereby presenting a pleasing contrast to the Mission Field.

AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

**C. E. Mission-
ary League.**

The Secretary for Young People's Work, Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, reports "steady progress" during another season of effort in this line of work. By means of League Agents, in about two-thirds of the classes, the formation of C. E. Societies where none exist, the association of such societies with the League, and the securing of definite pledges of financial support for the work assigned to it, are promoted, as also the "holding of quarterly missionary meetings in which our denominational mission work may be stated."

Rallies.

Nineteen "Rallies" have been held in different parts of the church, "in which neighboring societies gather for information and stimulus along missionary lines." Such methods, systematically and energetically pursued, cannot fail to have their effect upon

the rising generation of Christian and missionary workers. The Board feels that the League, therefore, deserves the hearty sympathy and co-operation of all our pastors and consistories.

Contributions. The amounts received from all Christian Endeavor Societies in the League (115), is \$5,332.66, divided as follows: For the Arabian Mission, \$762.40; and for the other missions, \$4,570.26.

A Force Undeveloped. While the Board has nothing but words of appreciation for the work done among our young people and the children of our churches, it is still, and strongly, of the opinion that there is here a practically undeveloped force for the present and future maintenance and advancement of our missionary work. The Minutes of Synod for 1897 show that there were in this country 772 Sunday schools belonging to the denomination, with a total enrollment of 116,099. Of these, only 245 contributed so much as one cent to the work of foreign missions during the year just closed. The receipts from these were \$10,234.19. These contributing schools are by no means confined to any one section of the church, nor to any one scale of ability. Some of the largest and strongest are wanting, and have always been wanting, from the column, while every year some of the apparently least able contribute sums far surpassing the gifts of some of our larger churches. If less than one-third of the schools were able to give over \$10,000, it is not at all a wild estimate that, had all the schools contributed on the same scale, as they were abundantly able to do, nearly if not quite \$30,000 might have been realized from this source.

And this neglect to interest and instruct the children as to mission work, has a far deeper significance when the future maintenance of the work is considered. The Board has so frequently, and so strongly represented its importance to the Synod that a further presentation seems needless. It would, however, ask in all earnestness the question, How long can the church afford to neglect this

promising but practically undeveloped source of supply for its needy work ?

PERIODICALS AND OTHER AGENCIES.

Mission Field. The Mission Field, supported jointly by this Board, the Boards of Domestic Missions and Education and the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, furnishes still an item of no inconsiderable cost to the supporting Boards. With an average monthly edition of 3,250 copies, it is yet far from being self-sustaining. By abolishing club-rates and reducing cost of printing, saving has been effected, reducing the outlay of this Board about one-sixth. It is surprising and discouraging that so few of the families of our Church, comparatively, care to be brought into touch each month with the great work of evangelization which is being done by the denomination, at home and abroad and in which they are supposed to have a share.

Day Star. The Day Star, on the other hand, has made a welcome and a place for itself in our Sunday-schools, though not so large a place as is desirable and as it easily might and ought to have. The last monthly edition was of 13,255 copies, which is small when compared with the number of children in our schools. Yet it has, in one respect at least, achieved success, no contribution having been called for from the Board for its support except at the very outset. It is confidently believed that if the pastors would interest themselves in the circulation of these periodicals in the churches and Sunday-schools, as they so easily might, great good would accrue to the cause of Missions, to the churches and schools, and indirectly to the pastors themselves, in the increased interest in all our religious work, shown by their people.

Tracts and Leaflets. A few new leaflets have been printed, chiefly for the Arabian Mission, and these with those heretofore printed, have been widely circu-

lated, without cost to those receiving them. The wisdom of the world attests the value of "printer's ink" as a means of informing the people. It is the purpose of the Board to increase the number of its issues of this character, especially in the Dutch language and for the benefit of our Holland brethren.

Mite Boxes. By the direction of the Synod, many years ago, missionary boxes have been ever since, freely furnished to churches, Sunday-school societies and individuals. The number sent out last year was 748, and from the beginning, 31,509.

Visits of Missionaries. Missionary addresses have been made in a large number of churches and women's societies, by Dr. Stout, Prof. Wyckoff and Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer. From one-third to one-half of the churches have probably been thus visited, and with excellent results. It may be worth while to repeat the statement made last year, that such visits are without cost to the churches.

Religious Press. The papers of the denomination, the Christian Intelligencer, De Hope and De Heidenwereld, the latter a missionary monthly, published at Orange City, Iowa, have welcomed the Board to the use of their columns, and laid it under great obligations for the access thus afforded to their subscribers. Of this service, freely rendered, the Board desires to make grateful recognition.

TWO NOTABLE GATHERINGS.

Officers' Conference. Reference has before been made, in these reports, to the Conferences of Officers and Representatives of Foreign Mission Board and Societies in the United States and Canada, held in New York, for six consecutive years. They are again alluded to for the purpose of calling attention to the fact

not so much of their immediate usefulness to those who attend them, and to the Boards and Societies represented in them, but of the wide influence they have exerted on mission-fields. No subject of greater importance has come before them, and none has been so frequently and thoroughly considered as that of the Self-support of Mission churches. Letters on the subject, setting forth its importance, and urging to effort in this direction, have been addressed to the missions and to the rising churches in mission lands. These have received respectful and, in many cases, cordial and sympathetic attention. In not a few the suggestions have been heartily welcomed. And it is not too much to say that the new interest in this matter, so widely awakened and manifested is, in a large degree, owing to the initiative taken in these Conferences. On many other subjects, also, they have tended to greater harmony and unity of policy and action on the part of the Societies represented.

Ecumenical Conference. This Conference has also undertaken with encouragement from most of the missionary bodies in this country and Europe, to arrange for holding an Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions in the City of New York, during the last ten days of April, 1900. A committee appointed by the Conference has already taken the work in hand, and this Board has signified its hearty approval of the suggestion, and agreed to cooperate to the extent of its ability. "The proposed Conference is intended to sum up the progress of foreign missionary work during this century, and to set in clear order the present state of this work in the varied fields occupied by the churches of Protestant Christendom. The substantial unity of Protestant Christendom will thus be expressed and confirmed in a most striking way."

Student Volunteers A second notable gathering held during the year, and pertinent to this report, was the Third Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, held at Cleveland, Ohio, February 23-27. In many

important respects it was one of the most remarkable Conventions ever held. In nothing did this more strikingly appear than in its constituent elements. Representatives, students, were present from 331 colleges and universities, 61 theological seminaries, 47 medical and 14 training schools, making a total of 458 institutions. The number of student delegates was 1,717, with presidents and professors, missionary secretaries and leaders of young people's societies in sufficient numbers to bring up the entire membership of the Convention to 2,214. This is not the place to enter into the history of the Movement. But the very existence and gathering together under the auspices of the Movement, of such a vast body, representing a total enrollment of 4,000, of our young men and women of intelligence and training, of intellectual and spiritual aspirations, and all intent on giving their lives to the Lord Jesus for the evangelization of the world, ought to make a profound impression on the Church of Christ, and on our own Church as a part of it.

FINANCIAL:—
Receipts.

The total receipts of the Board, exclusive of the Arabian Mission, were \$109,244.79. Of this sum \$9,650.05 were for special objects outside of the appropriations, leaving \$99,594.74 to apply on the appropriations, which were \$109,000. Deducting from this amount the interest received from the Security Fund, \$2,065, and the amount of legacies, \$8,079.48, the sum of gifts by collections etc., is \$89,450.25. This shows how far we yet are from attaining the desired standard of "\$120,000 from collections only." Such a result need not however, be despaired of.

If to the receipts of the Board, from all sources, those of the Arabian Mission be added, \$13,705.76, the total will be \$122,950.55. To this again may be added contribution for the relief of sufferers by famine in India, which have passed through the hands of the Board, to the amount of \$1,350.63, thus making a grand total of \$124,301.18, all given or raised in the Reformed Church, for work in our various fields. This is by no means a poor or discouraging

ing exhibit, especially when the condition of the country, both financial and political, is taken into the account.

Generous Bequest. In addition to the legacies above reported, the Board has received, and now holds for investment, a bequest of Mrs. Mary V. S. Walbridge, of Brooklyn, N. Y., amounting at present to very nearly \$5,000, (cash, \$3,880.04 and securities, \$1,075), to found the George B. Walbridge Fund for Scholarships in the Theological Seminary in the Arcot Mission. The payment of this bequest in full, under all the circumstances, was highly honorable to the family and executors of the giver, and gratifying to the Board. It hardly need be said, however, that this amount cannot be applied to any other use, and so adds nothing to the support of the regular work of the Missions.

Expenditures. The expenditures have been as follows: for the Amoy Mission, \$17,335.17; for the Arcot Mission, \$44,994.08; for the North Japan Mission, \$23,605.92 and for the South Japan Mission, \$16,331.99: a total for all the Missions, Arabia excepted, of \$102,267.16. Home expenses amounted to \$8,147.23, not including \$1,048 65 for interest on loans, being \$1,411.70 less than last year, and less than seven and a half per cent. of the whole.

Appropriations. The regular appropriations are made in October for the succeeding calendar year, from January 1 to December 31, in each year. For 1897, they were \$106,794, and for 1898, \$109,495. This last amount was \$4,000 more than, by its rule, (the average receipts of the previous five years), the Board was strictly at liberty to appropriate. But an addition of \$4,000 was recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board, to meet the salaries of the new missionaries sent to the field. This was done in the confident hope, as expressed by the Finance Committee, "that the churches will, with an increased liberality, respond to the work of the Lord, so that there may be no deficit at the end of the

year." How far these appropriations come from meeting the just wants of the Missions, can best be made apparent by a tabular statement of the estimates and appropriations for 1898:

	ESTIMATES.	APPROPRIATIONS.
Amoy Mission.....	\$ 29,326	\$ 19,022
Arcot Mission.....	49,320	39,412
North Japan Mission.....	26,152	23,235
South Japan Mission.....	21,570	17,971
Total for all.....	\$126,368	\$99,645

Deducting from the estimates about \$9,500 asked for buildings, it still appears that the Missions asked for about \$117,000 for the support of themselves and their work, and received only \$99,645. To accomplish this reduction, every item was put back to the same figure as the year before, thus making anything like progress impossible. Is it any wonder that these appropriations were received with disappointment, not to say dismay, in some quarters? It must be manifest that growing Missions cannot be looked after or cared for, after this fashion. What, then, is to be done about it?

Increase of Debt. The Board would have rejoiced if, with this severe reduction, it had been able to close the year without adding to the indebtedness with which it began. Such is, however, not the case. Nor could it be expected when, for its regular and authorized work, including Home Expenses, for which \$109,000 were appropriated, only about \$99,000 was received. Resorting to the tabular form of statement heretofore employed, the condition at the close of the year, as compared with the previous year, was as follows:

	1897	1898
Amount of loans.. ..	\$17,612.10	\$19,136.10
Accrued interest, May 1st.....	147.23	119.44
Acceptances outstanding	12,168.58	8,972.79
Special gifts, unexpended.....	4,207.61	2,629.37
	<u>\$34,135.52</u>	<u>\$30,857.70</u>
Less cash in hand.....	18,869.25	3,821.00
Net indebtedness.....	\$15,266.27	\$27,036.70

***The Board
not Responsible.*** For this state of things the Board does not feel that it can be justly held responsible, when all the facts are considered. It believes that the needs of the Missions imperatively demanded the outlay, and that it would have been derelict to duty had it withheld it from them. The failure of the churches to provide the funds sufficient for their maintenance, in amounts which they had themselves approved, is responsible for the deficiency reported. Yet the Board cannot but view with the gravest solicitude the present condition and future prospect, and would be glad indeed if that solicitude could be communicated to every member of the Synod and the Church.

***Alternative
Accepted.*** Three years ago, at Grand Rapids, the Board presented to the Synod the alternative of giving up one of the Missions now existing to other hands, or of largely increasing the resources of the Board, to be applied to the maintenance of their work. To the former alternative the Synod returned a "most emphatic" negative. It thereby committed itself and the Church to the latter. The Board is far from desiring a reversal of that decision.

***Unsuccessful
Endeavors.*** The Board has since loyally endeavored to provide for all the Missions what their most important needs seemed to demand, so far as its resources would permit, while at the same time endeavoring to avoid adding to its debt. In neither of these purposes has it been successful. Notwithstanding the repeated and severe curtailments of the estimates of the Missions, in its annual appropriations, it has been found absolutely impossible, as the above shows, to prevent the incurring of debt if the Missions were to live at all, and go on with the work for which they were established and are maintained by the Church. While the appropriations have been rigorously kept down to the lowest reasonable figure, the debt has been constantly increasing. Nor is it evident how it could be otherwise.

*Evidence
of Growth.*

Nor should the Church be dismayed by the fact, or the prospect which it holds out, if it really wishes to accomplish the most possible for the glory of God and the building up of His kingdom. The increased and increasing demands of the Missions are but the indications of the success of their work, and of the blessing of growth bestowed upon them by Him for whom it is done. The Church should rather rejoice that it has been counted worthy of so large a share in it, and that a share still larger is offered to its willing faith.

While the appropriations have, in no year since 1895, exceeded \$109,000, the conviction of the Board that \$120,000 yearly for their support is absolutely necessary, has not been changed. It has, rather, strengthened with the years. The Board would have it clearly understood that in its judgment, this is the very least sum which is at all adequate to the needs of the work we have in hand.

*Apportionments
not met.*

In the interest of the work, and of a "forward movement" in its behalf, the last Synod directed the Board as the previous one had done, to apportion among the Classes the sum of \$120,000 as the amount to be raised for Foreign Missions from the offerings of the churches and their various organizations during the year. This was done as carefully and intelligently as was possible, and the several Classes notified of the amounts assigned them. Doubtless some inequalities may have been observed and felt. It would have required more than human wisdom and knowledge of all existing facts, to avoid them. Doubtless, also, it was well within the real ability of every Classis to have reached the sum assigned, with suitable effort and a willing mind. Yet, while twenty Classes increased their contributions over those of the previous year by a greater or less sum, only two reached the amount assigned them. The sum of all contributions through the churches by church collections, from Sunday-schools, individuals, C. E. societies and Woman's Auxiliaries was only about \$85,600. It is gratifying to note that this is about \$3,500 more than last year. Yet it fell short of the whole amount appor

tioned by \$34,400. Had this amount been raised or anything approximating it, not only would the expenses of the year have been fully met but the debt of last year would have been extinguished, with a generous balance from which to supply the immediate needs of the Missions.

**Consequences
to the Missions** Meantime, for want of it, the condition of the Missions is such as to cause the Board the gravest uneasiness. Vacancies have occurred in more than one of them which there have been no means to fill promptly, as they ought to be filled. With the exception of the Arcot Mission, as has been already stated, all of them are undermanned, that at Amoy deplorably so. Yet the Board did not feel warranted in sending even one man to reinforce it unless the necessary funds should be received for the purpose, outside of and in addition to the regular receipts. Missionaries at home on furlough, and desiring to be returned to their fields, have been subjected to the same conditions. What does the Church really want the Board to do in such cases?

**Must move
Forward.** It is manifest that a "Forward Movement" that shall actually *move forward* is indispensable. It is indispensable to the welfare and progress of the Missions. It is no less indispensable to the fulfilment of the obligation so solemnly assumed by the Church three years ago, and by it laid upon its Board of Foreign Missions. Will, then, the Synod authorize the Board to go forward at once, exercising due caution and economy, to supply such added force as is absolutely necessary to those Missions which are most in need of reinforcement?

Will it, also, since present methods have proved insufficient, devise and put in execution such practical methods as will ensure to the Board adequate resources, and to the Missions adequate support?

For these two propositions, so vital to the prosperity of our work and to the honor, not of the Church alone but of its Lord and Head, the Board earnestly invites the

prayerful consideration of the Synod, and its definite action thereupon.

*Force
Mustering.*

The force of the foregoing considerations is greatly increased, in the apprehension of the Board, by the fact that there are now some eighteen sons and daughters of the Reformed Church, Student Volunteers, who are within one or two years of making their applications for appointment as missionaries of the Church. They are in our own and other institutions, theological and medical, preparing themselves distinctly and of set purpose, for the service of the Church in this particular department of its work. It would probably be too much to expect or hope that all of them will be found to meet the necessary requirements, as to health, etc. But it is quite evident that there is in their number a sufficient supply for all the present need of men and women on our mission-fields, the existence of which is so distressing to the Missions and the Board, and so injurious to the work we are seeking to carry on.

The knowledge that there are these men and women ready and eager to come to their help, may be a source either of great encouragement or of profound discouragement to the toilers in the field, according as the Board is authorized to accept, or compelled to decline, their services. In the former case, their joy will be great in the near prospect of reinforcement. In the latter case, to the pressure of labor and of need under which they are now distressed, will be added the depressing conviction that the Church does not mean to stand by them in the errand on which it has sent them forth.

HENRY N. COBB,
Corresponding Secretary.

Approved by the Board,
May 11, 1898.

THE AMOY MISSION.

FOUNDED IN 1842.

Ministries.—Rev's Daniel Rapalje, Leonard W. Kip, D.D., Philip W. Fischer, John A. Ota, M. D., A. D. D. Fraser, Hobart E. Studley, and Dr. F. T. B. Feet.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage, Mrs. Rapalje, Mrs. Kip, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Feet, Miss Mary E. Talmage, Miss Katherine M. Talmage, Miss Elizabeth M. Capps, Miss Nellie Zwemer, Miss Margaret C. Morrison, Miss Lily N. Dwyer, and Miss M. Van Boeck Calhoun.

Native Pastors.—Rev's Ng Ho-seng, *1st Amoy*; Ti Pang-teng, *2nd Amoy*; Keh Ng-pit, *Chioh-be*; Tau Kam-choa, *Chiang-chiu*; Tiong lu-u, *Tsian-san*; Iap Han-chiong, *Sio-khe*; Lim Chi-seng, *Poa-a*; Lim Khlok, *Lam-sin*; Ong Ki-siong, *O-kang*; In Ho-sui, *Hong-san*; Li Ki-che, *Tong-an*; Chhoa Keng-hong, *without charge*. 12.

Native Helpers, unordained—22.

Regular Preaching Places—25, beside the "Douglass Memorial" Chapel, shared by the Reformed and the English Presbyterian Missions.

Theological Students—5.

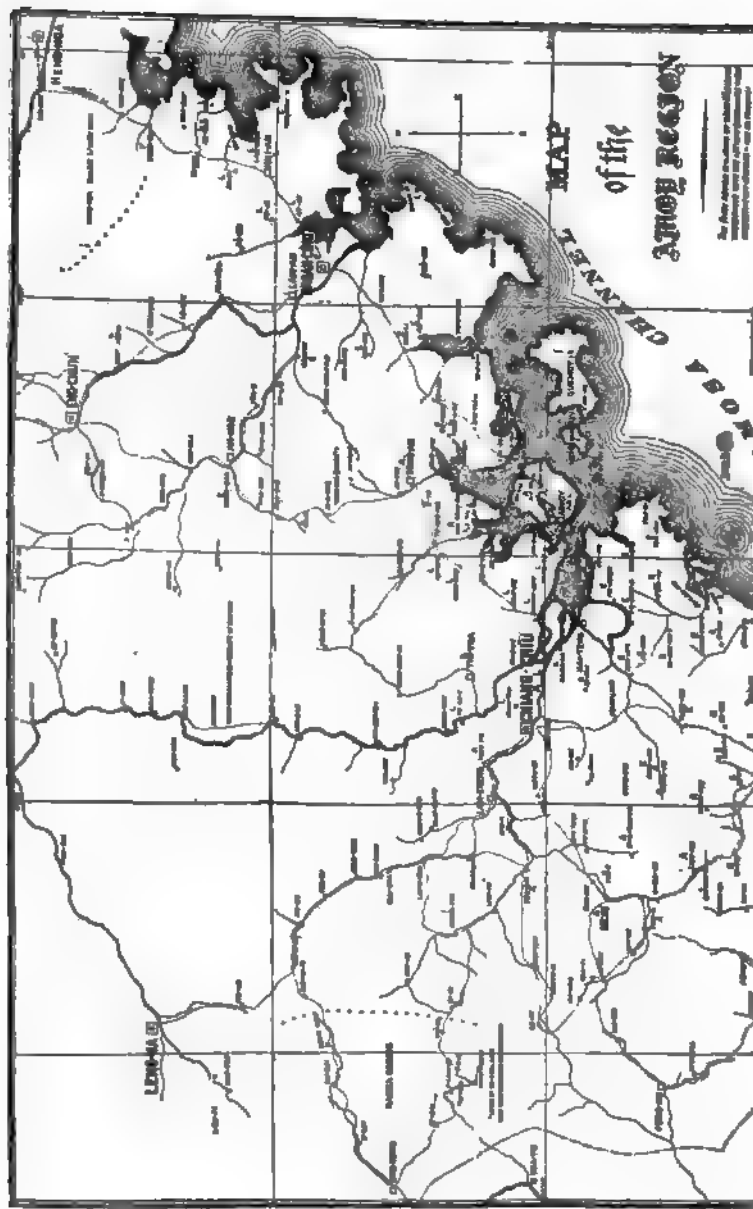
Boarding Schools, Boys—2; scholars, 95; **Girls' and Women's**—5; scholars, 164; **Day Schools**—15; scholars, 364. Total scholars, 594.

CHURCHES.	Members at beginning of 1897.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate	Dismissed.	Diad.	Excom.	Members at the close of 1897	Under Suspension.	Infants Baptized.	Contributions.*
1st Amoy	109	8	1	1	9	...	108	9	6	\$ 535 83
2nd Amoy	*151	10	3	1	5	...	158	10	11	867 40
O-kang	121	9	2	3	7	...	122	5	6	296 59
Hong-san	75	4	4	...	7	...	76	7	6	327 00
Tong-an	196	18	2	2	7	...	207	5	9	330 00
Chioh-be	80	5	2	1	1	8	82	2	5	213 83
Chiang-chiu	88	16	4	4	7	...	97	4	5	275 10
Tsian-san	77	16	4	...	1	1	96	8	6	238 50
Sio-khe	165	26	...	2	11	...	190	4	7	1003 40
Poa-a	91	12	...	...	2	...	101	...	5	806 71
Lam-sin	*98	7	...	...	1	...	72	4	5	174 00
Mission Ch.	*7	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...
Total	1220	183	22	14	59	4	1304	58	71	\$4827 77

*Revised list.

O-kang has 4 preaching places, Hong-san 3, Tong-an 6, Chioh-be 2, Chiang-chiu 3, Tsian-san 5, Sio-khe 7, Poa-a 4, Lam-sin 2.

*In addition to the above, \$299.50 were given, mostly by the Amoy Churches, for the support of the Mission Church, Amoy.



MAP
of the
AMOY REGION

The Amoy region is situated on the north-east coast of the island of Formosa, and is bounded on the north by the Amoy River, on the east by the Amoy Bay, on the south by the Amoy River, and on the west by the Amoy River.

REPORT FOR 1897.

AMOY DISTRICT.

Rev. D. Rapalje, *Missionary in charge.*

Amoy Churches. The two Amoy Churches have together received eighteen members on confession and four on certificate. One half of those received on confession are children of the church, having been baptized in infancy. There were fourteen deaths. The church services have been well attended and many non-Christians have heard the gospel. A special effort has been made to distribute Christian tracts and books. One of the church members went to the expense of providing a handsome outfit, to be used as a colporteur's wagon is used at home, for carrying tracts and books from place to place. The opening of the hospital near the Second Church has been the means of enlarging the congregations there. The parochial schools, two for boys and two for girls, have done good work during the year.

Mission Church. The Mission Church sustained by the two Amoy Congregations has had no new additions and there was one death. This church is on Amoy Island within easy reach of the city. A preacher is in charge, and various members of the Amoy churches—those who volunteer for the service—go out there by turns on Sunday to help the preacher, and many passers-by hear the gospel.

O-Kang Church. The *O-Kang* Church on Amoy Island has also been doing a good work, although the prevailing sickness greatly interfered with the plans of the pastor and his assistants. The two school teachers and many of the pupils were ill, and it was necessary to close the schools before the end of the school year. Seven church members died. The village population of the Island is not easy to reach. Many of the men are away from home most of the time, engaged in business or working as coolies in various places in the Straits Settlements. Those who return to their homes with a competence rarely care to listen to the gospel. Those who have been unsuccessful often become restless and remain but a short time at home. The population is thus constantly changing.

Theological School. Our Mission had only five students in the Theological class during the year. Rev. Mr. McGregor of the English Presbyterian Mission devoted a good part of his time to the school and Mr. Rapalje assisted him two days in the week. The young men were attentive to their studies and made satisfactory progress.

One of those connected with us has been employed by the Missionary Society of the Synod of Amoy to labor on Quemoy Island, where much encouragement has been met with.

We must regret that the Theological School is to be closed this year because of Mr. McGregor's expected absence. He is to leave next month for Scotland, but not without the hope of returning to Amoy after a rest at home.

TONG-AN DISTRICT.

Rev. P. W. Pitcher, *Missionary in charge.*

***Tong-An
Church.***

This church with its five out-stations reports a gross increase of twenty-two, and a net gain of eleven. The benevolent contributions have fallen below the figures of last year. This church, in the way of self-support, pays the salary of the pastor, all current expenses, nearly half of the school teacher's salary and contributed last year (1897) forty dollars (\$40) towards Domestic Missions. The Mission provides four helpers and pays the remainder of the teacher's salary.

The spiritual condition of the people is improving. ***Poppy Growing.*** The cultivation of the poppy by church members, and even by members of the consistory has had a most baneful effect upon the hearts and lives of the members of this church, and its evil influence will not be removed until the people of the church cease touching the unclean thing.

A right step was taken at the last election of church officers. In one sense it was a bold step to take, and shows the character of the man who stands as the leader of this people. At this election those office bearers who were in any way connected with opium *failed to be re-elected*. Let us hope that this is the beginning of the end of opium cultivation by members of the Tong-An Church.

***Tong-An
Out-stations.***

The out-station of *To-kio* is as flourishing as ever, and the people who worship there are thinking seriously of calling a pastor. *Ngo-hian-keng* does not flourish. The people of the place fail to respond, and only a very few come to the services in the chapel.

Poa-than-chhi which had been more or less abandoned for two years was occupied by a preacher and his family this year. The preacher's house was renovated and the whole place put in better order, but the task of resuscitating a work so long abandoned has been more difficult.

Au-iu and *O'chi* have maintained their ground. But it is a cause for regret to know that the number of inquirers has been reduced by one

hundred—the report shows only two hundred this year against three hundred last year.

The school connected with this church has had a most excellent teacher, and the work done—the orderliness with which it was done—was highly commendable. There is undoubtedly a vast amount of work undeveloped in this Tong An district, inside as well as outside of the church, which can only be done by a man on the spot. So let me once more plead for a man—a married man—for Tong-An. A splendid parish awaits him—a congregation of over two hundred souls with one hundred and eighteen children and a vast region densely populated—estimated at 400,000 souls.

***Hong-San
Church.***

This Church supports its pastor, pays all running expenses and a quarter of the school teacher's salary and contributed thirteen dollars toward Domestic Missions.

The Mission pays the salaries of two helpers and the remainder of the teacher's salary. The contributions of this Church have also fallen below the figures of 1896. A new station was opened and supplied with a preacher and school teacher, viz: *Chin-be*. The work flourished for a season, and then dwindled down to one or two hearers. Before the close of the year the Mission decided to close up the place, and seek an entrance elsewhere.

Te-thau has prospered. The congregations have been large, and a deep interest in the truth maintained. But the work at Ang-tung-thau shows no sign of real life, nor any interest whatever on the part of the people of that place.

The stumbling blocks that stand in the way of the progress of this Church are internal jealousies and quarrels.

CHIANG-CHIU DISTRICT.

Rev. H. E. Studley, *Missionary in charge.*

***Chiang-Chiu
Occupied.***

In October, 1897, I took up my residence in Chiang-chiu, being the first resident Missionary the district has had for years. So much have I been away from Chiang-chiu on various trips about the country that my residence has been hardly more than a nominal one. I have also felt myself much handicapped by the lack of familiarity with the language, yet glad to be able to take up definite work and thankful for the encouragement that I have found in that work.

It was a great disappointment to us all that Miss Cappon, who had resided in Chiang-chiu for several years, doing an excellent work among the women of the district, besides carrying on a good womens' and girls' school, was compelled by ill health to leave the field last September. This has made it impossible for us to carry on any systematic work among the women during the latter part of last year, though the Misses Talmage have been able to visit occasionally among the families of the district.

Church Growth. The Church of Chiang-chiu has shown a healthy growth in numbers, in spite of its long roll of members deceased, during the past year. A goodly number have been gathered in from the outside world, one who was formerly expelled has given evidence that he has truly repented and been received back into the fold, and one young man baptized in infancy in our oldest Church has been received as a communicant member of Chiang-chiu. There is an increase in the attendance at the Sunday service and a manifestation of interest together with a change of life on the part of quite a number of hearers which promises still better things for the future.

Bible Training School. The native pastor and I have together started a Bible Training School, for some earnest Christian young men who have not had the advantages of a regular training in our schools, but are desirous of fitting themselves for the work of preaching the Gospel. In this district as in all others of our Mission—in fact in all the Missions at work in Amoy—there is a painful lack of efficient native preachers. It was with the thought of doing something to remedy this lack that this training school was started. Would that it might be a permanent school, but pressure of other work will probably compel me to abandon it at the end of a year, sending the students into the Theological Seminary at Amoy for further training before going out to take charge of out-stations.

Anglo-Chinese School. Another movement deserves passing notice, tho' not officially connected with our Mission, the Chiang chiu Anglo-Chinese School. This was opened early in 1897 and is under the management of a Board of Trustees, some of whom are connected with our Mission, while others are connected with the London Mission. The Rev. Mr. Wasson and the Rev. Mr. Joseland of the London Mission together with Dr. Otte and myself, constitute the foreign representation on the Board, while the native members are all, with a single exception, communicants either of the Congregational Church (London Mission) or our own. The school was started on a definitely Christian basis to which both trustees and teachers have faithfully adhered. It is hoped that we shall thus be able to reach with the truth many who would not otherwise receive it, as well as to fit all who make good use of the opportunities afforded them, for positions of usefulness in this Empire.

Of the twenty students enrolled last year, a little over one-half came from the families of Christians or inquirers and I suppose about the same proportion would hold true of our forty students this year. Mr. Wasson and I undertake to give them such aid as we can in the teaching of English. This work is entirely supported by the natives themselves, and having secured a suitable sight they are now putting up a substantial dormitory. The character of the work done thus far has been very satisfactory and with the growth of the school, the addition of an extra teacher, and soon a build

ing of our own, we may confidently hope for larger and better results in the future.

Sin-tng. In this comparatively new station, a couple
Out-stations. of miles from Chiang chiu, there seems to be a good work going on. Several months ago large numbers came nearly every Sunday, but now there are not nearly so many. However we believe that those who are now coming are in earnest in their desire to know and worship the true God, while it is painfully apparent that, of the large numbers who previously came, nearly all had purely worldly motives in doing so. The Romanists who are established near that place make a practice of taking up law cases—good, bad and indifferent—for a consideration, and a lot of the populace seemed to think that that was our business too. When they found that we were not there for that purpose, they had no further interest in our work. While there is no doubt that the truth can find lodgment within hearts actuated by low motives, yet we feel that a few seekers after truth are better than a multitude who are seeking “the loaves and fishes.” The preacher tells me that two of his inquirers are ready for admission to the Church and we trust that these may be but the first fruits of a plenteous harvest.

This Church, which has seemed to lie stationary—
New Life at Chloh-be. shall I say dormant?—for a long time, has now taken on new life and vigor. The people of that place have seemed in times past singularly indifferent to the claims of the Gospel. Now the Church is well filled every Sunday, and the pastor opens the Church and preaches every afternoon, always with a number ready to hear, sometimes as many as fifty or sixty. The spirit of harmony which now prevails both among the Church membership and between the members and the pastor, is worthy of note, and is sure to meet with the divine approval and blessing. A number of inquirers have been received during the past year, several will be received at the next communion and there are quite a good many others of whose conversion the pastor feels very hopeful, but prefers that they should have a longer time to show by their lives that they have truly received the Gospel and are determined to live Christian lives.

At Hai-teng, until recently, the people seemed more
Hope for Hai-teng. bitterly opposed to the Gospel than at almost any other place where we have tried to work, and sometimes our Mission has felt that it might be better to give it up and go where the people were more favorably disposed. Fortunately we have stayed there in spite of every discouragement, and now that work seems decidedly more hopeful. There is a considerable increase in attendance and two of the inquirers have been received into the Church during the past year. As this is a large city but a few miles from Amoy, we hope that the opening of our Amoy hospital

will also prove a benefit to Hai-teng and that more of its people may be led to an interest in Christianity through the work of the hospital.

**Thian-San
Church.**

This Church is composed of two larger and older congregations, those of *Thian-po* and *Soa-sia* and four smaller ones, viz: *Leng-soa*, *Lan-pe*, *Ton-li-jin* and *E-long*. Of *Thian-po* and *Soa-sia* there seems to be very little to say. There have been eight accessions to the Church at *Thian-po*, but we are not able to report any increase in attendance on the services of the sanctuary. At *Soa-sia* there is a somewhat increased attendance at the Sabbath services, but there have been no receptions during the past year. The work of the Gospel at these two places has doubtless been much hindered by an unfortunate lack of harmony among the brethren as well as by a partial ignoring of the law of the Sabbath. Now the dissensions are at least measurably healed and in *Thian-po* there seems to be a better observance of the Sabbath.

Out-stations.

At *Leng-soa* the little band of the followers of Christ still holds together, and some time ago it was my privilege to receive two inquirers into the Church by baptism. We have secured a much more favorable site for the Church building, and owing to the generosity of friends in America, we may hope to report next year that this congregation is worshiping in a church of its own.

Lam-ke is one of our newer stations, and there seems little to report, except that we are encouraged by the increased attendance and hopeful for the future of this undertaking.

Ton-li-jin and *E-long* are two new stations situated near each other and worked by a single preacher with his chapel helper. This is the old home of the preacher whom, much to his satisfaction, we sent back to work at his own home at the beginning of the year. This year is the first that these people have had a suitable preacher, though we have been carrying on work there for three years, and the Lord has blessed his efforts.

**Abundant First
Fruits.**

On a recent visit to that region it fell to my lot to gather in the first fruits, eleven adults and five children receiving the rite of baptism. It was a time of great joy to the preacher for they were nearly all his relatives, among them his grandmother, about eighty years old, and his child of a few months. Yet he said it was a time of gladness mingled with sorrow as he thought of the uncles and aunts and cousins yet outside of the Church, some of them still worshiping false gods of wood and stone, and others slaves of the terrible opium habit. In the afternoon I examined a number of the inquirers and was much pleased with the knowledge of Gospel truth that most of them showed. Then the recently received members and the preacher and his family, together with a few other Christians, partook of the communion together for the first time. May there be many such times of spiritual rejoicing and thanksgiving not only in that mountain hamlet, but throughout all the cities and villages of this Empire.

JUNE, 1898.

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SIO-KHE DISTRICT.

Rev. L. W. Kip, D.D., *Missionary in charge.*

*A Flourishing
Mother of Churches.*

We will begin with the parent church of all churches in this region, the Church of Sio khe. We feel that God has been very good to the church, in that there have been more received into the communion of the church than in the preceding year. There were twenty-two received by baptism, and three who were baptized in infancy, twenty five in all. The health of the members has been very good, as the plague did not reach this place, for which we are thankful. Preaching is carried on continuously in the little chapel, that opens on the street, especially on market days, and we may hope for good results, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit. The Pastor (Iap) is in good health and with the elders and deacons cares faithfully for the spiritual welfare of the brethren and sisters. On Sunday there is preaching only in the morning, which is enlivened by reading together the Commandments and creed, and alternately the Psalms. In the afternoon three-quarters of an hour are given to study, some read the portion for the day, some are taught to read the hymns, while others learn to read the colloquial. Service is brought to an end by the pastor, who has then read the lesson, and then explains the meaning and enforces the lessons for their guidance.

The members have also given largely of their money, for the care of the church, and the pastor's salary, and also for building an addition to the boys' school. They now have a large, well lighted school room, and there are accommodations for a large number of boarding pupils. So as we end the year with thanksgiving, we begin the new year with hope and trust that it will bring yet greater blessings.

Out-stations. The *Lam-sin* Church, comprises two English Presbyterian churches, together with a place at *Tu-than-hi*, about three miles north of Lam-sin.

As the Pastor must divide his Sundays among these different places, it is evident that he cannot give Lam-sin as much help as could be desired. Still the church has grown, and a good congregation almost fills the building. They report seven received through the year. We have a preacher there, to take the service, when the pastor is elsewhere.

The *Poa-a* Church has improved the past year, having received a number of new members. Their pastor, whom they still support, is unfortunately not at all well. He goes to Poa-a and stays a few weeks, till he is run down, when he goes off to rest, and so he keeps it up, sometimes there and sometimes away. But his people will not hear of his leaving them, and are glad when they can have him for only a few weeks.

One of its out-stations, *Am-an*, has done very well during the year. At this place we carried out the pastor's idea, that if we desired to start a new station we should go several times and preach the gospel in the neighborhood. We did so twice, staying of course in native inns. He exerted himself

considerably in going around and preaching, and especially during the second visit. It had a good result, for there are already some 20 attendants, of whom I think six have already been received, and we have good hopes of the others also.

EDUCATIONAL.

BOYS' ACADEMY.

Rev. P. W. Pitcher, *in charge*.

Ng Ma-hui,
Tau Chhun-peng, } *native assistants.*

A Full School. The school year opened on Wednesday, the 17th of February, 1897, *i. e.* the 16th of the First Moon of the Chinese Calendar, with sixty-two boys enrolled. The entering class numbered thirty-two. This large increase of numbers—the largest in the history of the school—taxed the accommodation of the new building to very nearly its full extent, and added greatly to the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the small staff of teachers. The burden was lightened in a great measure by the kind assistance rendered by Miss Van Beeck Calkoen.

Should the number of students increase, not only added room will be necessary, but an increase in our present staff of foreign teachers will be required.

Changes for the Better. We believe we have decidedly improved the status of the school in every way by securing the services of Ng Ma-hui, son of the pastor of the First Church of Amoy (Sin-koe-a) a young man who is in full sympathy with our methods of discipline, cleanliness and order. He is also a man of earnestness and a devoted Christian, one who takes a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the boys.

A further change for the better was made when he took up his residence in the school building. His predecessor, for some reason, declined to reside in the school and we, for some reason, allowed it, and so a great deal of direct oversight of the boys was sadly neglected. I am now satisfied this was a great mistake. It is a pleasure to record that this error has been corrected, and the conduct of the boys more closely guarded, which will have its good effect upon their future careers.

This closer watchfulness revealed to us the necessity of weeding out one undesirable individual before the first term was over, and the reprimanding of several others. Three of those thus reprimanded continued to be more or less disobedient through the second term, so much so, that upon the recommendation of the teachers the Mission declined to give them employment, as they were in the graduating class. We believe this will have its good effect upon the future conduct of the students.

The work of the second term was greatly interrupted by an epidemic of fever and dysentery which threatened to break up the school. Many of the boys were compelled to return to their homes and did not come back so that when the school closed for the year, instead of having sixty-two students there were only forty-five.

**Examinations
and Subjects.**

Two examinations were held during the year, one at the close of each term. With the exception of three lads all passed very creditably. These were given an opportunity to make up their examination but failed, and were accordingly dropped from the roll.

The examinations, in so far as arrangements can be made, are conducted by those not connected with the school. The highest and lowest general averages for each class for the whole year were as follows : Senior year, 96.5, 83.2. Junior year, 95.3, 82.8; Second year, 92.9, 81.1; First year, 93.7, 80. The subjects covered were: Scriptures, Geography (America, Europe, Asia and Africa), complete. Algebra and Arithmetic, complete. Astronomy (Introduction). History (China and England). Physiology. Chinese Classics and Mandarin. Dr. Otte also taught chemistry a part of the first term along with his own students.

**The Bible
Foremost.**

It has been our purpose to keep the Bible and its teachings to the front. It must ever take the foremost place in any work of this kind. This is a mission school. Its first object is to infuse into the lives of its students the blessed and saving power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, with the hope that all will become its exponents and very many its chosen heralds in this dark land.

**Western Science
Needed.**

But while it is true that China needs the gospel first of all, as a *saving* power, it would be untrue to say that she does not need western science and civilization to *assist* her to occupy an exalted position among the nations of the world. To withhold them or to neglect teaching them would be to deny something most useful. And so we view the small amount of western science, which has been taught during the past term, as well supplied, because supplied along distinctly Christian lines.

WOMAN'S WORK.

AMOY AND SURROUNDING REGION.

BY MISS M. E. TALMAGE.

Our work for women has been sadly crippled by four of our active workers (Misses Duryee, Zwemer, Morrison and Cappon), being obliged to return to the United States during the year. This necessitated the closing, in the autumn, of the Tâng-oa woman's class, and the Chiang-chiu girls' school, with its twenty-two pupils; and country work everywhere has greatly suffered.

We hope that during the coming year not only they may all be returned to the work, but that they may also bring with them two new workers.

*A Starving
People.*

As we go about the country and come in contact with the Chinese in their own villages and homes, we are everywhere met with the plain, sad fact that the souls of the people are starving, starving not from want of "western sciences," but from want of the very Bread of Life. The chief end, therefore, of these mission schools is not secular teaching, but the grounding of the pupils in the knowledge of the Bible, and winning them for Christ's service, so that when they leave school they may divide the Bread of Life to others.

*School-girl and
Pastor's Wife.*

To illustrate this we give the following incidents connected with two school girls. The first, Chhin-s, came to school when quite a small child. She was a bright pupil, and after some years of study became assistant teacher in the school, giving great satisfaction. After this she married an intelligent young preacher employed by the English Presbyterian Mission, and for a time was engaged as teacher in a boarding school belonging to that Mission, where she also gave much satisfaction. Finally she joined her husband at his Mission station. During the year he was obliged to be absent one Sabbath from his Church. When service time came and there was no preacher the "brethren" asked if the preacher's wife were present (the Chinese women are screened off out of sight of the men), and if she would take the service? She at first declined, but on being urged consented to take the service, remaining behind the screen with the women, where she was heard, though not seen by the men. The "brethren" said that she gave even a better sermon than her husband, which is no small compliment in China.

*"Out of the Mouth
of Babes."*

The second incident is connected with a little day pupil named In-a, eight years of age. Her family are all heathen, although her grandfather had attended Church for several Sabbaths. After the child had only been to school two or three weeks, there was great consternation in the home circle because one of the household idols—the Goddess of Mercy—was missing from its shrine. These idols had been repaired, and gilded at the cost of \$17, and now one was gone! After search it was found in In-a's bed, wrapped up in the bedding. Her mother was extremely angry, said that the child had never been so naughty before, and that this was all the result of going to school. She said the child must be whipped and not allowed to attend school again. In-a explained and said, "I invited the Goddess of Mercy to go to bed with me last night, I thought I would see when I got up this morning if she could get up too, If she could I would believe in her and if she could not I wouldn't." On hearing this the mother was still more angry and said she must be beaten and not allowed to go to school, but the grandfather said, "What the child has done shows wisdom, she must not be beaten and may go to school." After this we visited the family; the grandmother and

mother were very friendly, and since then the former, to In-a's great delight, comes to church with her, and we hope it may not be long before her mother will come, too.

Shortly before the close of the term four of the girls and two of the boys were received into the church. The general conduct of the pupils in these five schools throughout the year has been satisfactory.

The success of these schools, under God, is greatly due to the trustworthy native Christian teachers in charge, and to the faithful service they have given.

Although not nearly as much country work has been done as we could wish, still with one or two exceptions all the churches have been visited, and some of them repeatedly.

The weekly woman's meetings in Amoy have been kept up, and visiting hospital patients has gone on as usual.

The Children's Home numbers thirty-six children—a happy little company.

The *Church Messenger*, in Romanized Colloquial, has been published monthly, and has a large circulation.

The past year has been a very unhealthy one, and thousands have been carried away by the plague and fever, and yet we have had very little serious illness in our schools. For this together with innumerable blessings we are filled with gratitude to a kind heavenly Father.

SIO-KHE.

BY MRS. L. W. KIPP.

Girls' School. The past year has been one of peculiar trials in the school. Miss Morrison opened school after the Chinese New Year, but almost immediately her health failed. Then a contagious disease broke out, and after ineffectual efforts to stamp it out, we were obliged to dismiss the girls early in June, and disinfect the building.

For these reasons the spring term was necessarily very much broken up. The autumn term has also been affected by it, for after our experience last spring we had to be very particular not to admit any who were not entirely cured, consequently we have had an unusually small number of scholars. This autumn, however, we were thankful to be free from sickness.

There were only three *new* pupils this term, one, a girl of seventeen from Toa-pi, is the first from that station, which is a new one, near Chha-thau-pau where the work in this region began thirty years ago.

We took a blind girl into the school for a few weeks, who had been thrown away by her relatives, and had been left all one night in an open space near us, exposed to the danger of being carried off by the tigers. As she proved to be idiotic, and a care in the school, other arrangements had to be made for her.

One of our girls, the daughter of a preacher, is hoping to study medicine when older, and as Pastor Iap's daughter and daughter-in-law are also wish-

ing to study it, we had a nice class in physiology, with them and our older girls.

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Arni	18	6	800	809	138	302	1043	978	21	502	278	780	407	9	1
Chittoor	11	1	98	97	71	66	274	434	16	171	227	268	405	12	6
Coonoor	1	1	101	101	43	98	237	242	5	101	108	204	371	4	4
Madanapalle	15	1	118	143	132	244	738	791	12	398	375	673	465	9	3
Palmaner	1	1	46	57	4	62	123	136	5	107	75	182	200	14	5
Tindivanam	36	7	522	598	88	776	1904	2041	37	599	307	906	633	7	1
Vellore	30	5	581	566	153	626	1925	1931	29	535	172	710	604	15	6
Total	143	24	3052	3206	673	2760	7946	8411	156	3029	1751	4610	5788	2	3

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between rulers and the ruled. Prejudice against Christianity has naturally increased and the Missionary will probably continue to find his best results among the lower classes. The appointment of a Day of Prayer for the Awakening of India at so critical a time was a Divine inspiration and the universal interest taken in its observance, a proof that the sad condition of India hangs heavy on the hearts of God's people.

During the year the Mission has sustained a great *Losses by Death.* loss in the removal by death of two of its ablest and best know Pastors, the Rev. A. Masillamoni and the Rev. P. Souri. The years of the one were many and his work was about finished, while the other was removed in the prime of life and vigor. Vellore and Madanapalle were the fields where they lived and laboured and Missionaries of these stations have sympathetically written of them and their work.

Rev. W. I. Chamberlain writes :

While the Classis of Arcot was in Annual Session in *Pastor Masillamoni.* Chittoor on the 16th of January, a telegram was received announcing the very sudden death of Rev. A. Masillamoni, from heart failure. This wholly unexpected announcement created a profound impression, and after the adoption of appropriate resolutions, the Classis adjourned, all the native pastors and many elders going to Vellore to attend the funeral in the evening. The church at Vellore was crowded with his many friends, Christian and non-Christian. It was long before the body could be removed from their eager gaze. In the bright moonlight we marched in solemn procession to the Cemetery and laid the body away in the grave till the Resurrection morn.

A record of Mr. Masillamoni's death would hardly be complete without some reference to his work as a pastor, for which office he undoubtedly possessed special and, in this country, unusual gifts. His relations with the people under his charge were peculiarly happy, marked always by great mutual good-will and sympathy, and maintained with an unwavering consistency, not always to be observed in more Western churches. With rare faithfulness he managed nearly alwas to visit every family in his congregation once a week. On special occasions of mourning or joy he was always ready with his pastoral sympathy and kindly aid ; while in the more difficult cases of discipline which sometimes fall to a pastor's lot, his conduct was marked by admirable firmness and justice. Humility, one of his strongest and most loveable traits, was shown in a hundred ways in his relations with his people and with the Missionaries. Where many an inferior man of his race would stand by with folded hands in the presence of work to be done, fearful lest he lower his dignity by lending a hand, the subject of our sketch, without thought of self would be prompt to offer aid. Often has he been seen bending his stout shoulders to the burdens which are usually thought fit only for coolies' backs. To lend a hand, in God's name, wherever one was needed, was the habit of his life. As a preacher he was faithful and

earnest with a deep sense of duty towards those who depended on him for the ministry of the Word. His sermons were marked by great energy, earnestness and boldness, in preaching Christ, whether in his own pulpit or among the heathen outside.

A monument has been erected to his memory by his church and congregation with this appropriate inscription,

“ Well done, good and faithful servant,
Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Rev. Dr. J. Chamberlain writes :

Rev. P. Souri, assistant pastor of the Mission church
Pastor P. Souri. in Madanapalle finished his early career on Sunday, the
7th of November and entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

His life was an interesting and useful one. He was born of Christian parents. His father was teacher in a Mission School but died when this son was a little boy. He was received into the newly formed Boys' Boarding and Training School of the newly established Arcot Mission of the Reformed Church in America, now a constituent part of the Arcot Mission College, Vellore, and was one of its first graduates in 1859. In August of that year he was married to the sister of his classmate, now Rev. Paul Bailey, Pastor of our Mission Church at Orattoor, South Arcot, and entered Mission employ.

I formed his acquaintance in April, 1860, when I was located at Palmaner, where he was teacher of the little station school; and with the exception of four years when, on account of his ill-health, he was temporarily at a station on the plains, he and I have been associates in our work at Palmaner and Madanapalle for all these thirty-seven and a half years. And he proved himself worthy of the high esteem and warm affections which he won from me and has always maintained.

Indeed the relations between us have always been those of brothers beloved more than as Missionary and assistant. In nothing that I ever attempted to do did he fail to render a hearty support.

When in 1863 I determined to make a long exploring and preaching tour up through the little known and much feared remote regions of the Nizam's Dominions and on into the Central Provinces, and so by the Gonds and Kols down to the sea coast, he was one of the four native assistants who volunteered to accompany me, for the journey was too arduous and accompanied by too much danger for me to do more than call for volunteers. Indeed, in such a light did these volunteers look upon the possible outcome of the journey that, as I learned long after, before starting, the four had a sacramental supper together and then stood in a circle, clasping each other's hands, and entered into a solemn covenant that the survivors of the journey would tenderly care for the widows and children of those who did not survive. And throughout the five months' journey which did indeed abound with privation, hardships and not a little danger, not in any instance did any

one of them quail before any peril or difficulty. The experiences of that journey and the lessons of God's protection and special guidance learned on it, had a notable effect on P. Souris whole after life.

He was one of the three assistants who came on from Palmaner with me in October, 1863, to take up the new station at Madanapalle. At the close of 1890 he and his colleague, inspecting catechist, John Souris, was called as associate pastors of the Madanapalle church with its ten village congregations, and they were ordained by the Classis of Arcot at Madanapalle in October, 1891, and well and faithfully have they sustained the responsibilities placed upon them.

Before a Christian congregation Rev. P. Souris was an effective and earnest preacher, often rising to heights of real eloquence in presenting the sublime truths of our faith. In street and bazaar preaching he had great power, being fertile in illustrations, fearless in the presentation of truth, skilful in argument, and fearing no opponents. He was masterly in discussions when Christianity was attacked, having good store of Gospel weapons and knowing how to use them with telling effect.

God raise up more such men to push forward His Kingdom!

This is a delicate subject to handle and calls for much *Spirituality of the Force.* charity, especially as the helpers are sometimes the mirrors in which we see our own defects. That we are conscious, as a Mission, of the need of a higher tone amongst our helpers is evident by the existence of a yearly Conference for the deepening of spiritual life. This Conference was omitted this year for various reasons, and it is noticeable in the reports that, while all the Missionaries speak of the faithful work done by most of their helpers, several seem to think that some parts of the work have positively suffered by being in the hands of men whose sincerity, spirituality and general morality are, to say the least, questionable. The following quotation from the reports is in illustration of what is here meant :

“My visits among the various congregations do not encourage me to report much spiritual progress among the people. The native Helpers worried and pressed as to how to keep the wolf from their own door, have not been in a position to render any substantial help to their congregations; consequently the spiritual food they have offered has not apparently been received with much profit. Moreover, several cases of unfaithfulness and dishonesty on the part of those called to teach, have convinced me as never before of the very low spiritual plane upon which many of the Christian agents still live, despite all our efforts to rouse and elevate them. It is not surprising therefore that their congregations make little or no progress in Divine things, and that the Church records show a large number of suspensions from Church privileges. But it must not be thought that this applies to all Mission helpers. Some of them are men of sterling worth, earnestly and faithfully doing the work committed to them, literally wearing themselves out in the service of the Master. Would that the number of such men could be increased; but the yearly accession of villages from heathenism obliges us to

employ agents of low spiritual attainments. Our only hope is to work hard and pray for their real conversion and spiritual uplifting, so that they may prove better examples to their people."

That efforts are being made to meet the deficiencies in a general way can be observed from the use made of Harvest Festivals, Monthly Meetings and other Methods. Regarding monthly meetings the Rev. J. H. Wyckoff writes:—"The monthly gathering of helpers at the station, which is another means of their spiritual improvement was interrupted several times this year, so that we had only six gatherings in all. In April, when a leading lay member of each congregation accompanies the Mission agent, the meeting was large and interesting, an effort being made to get the lay element to co-operate more actively with the Mission helper in each village. Earnest endeavour is made to have these gatherings not merely business meetings, but means of intellectual stimulus and spiritual profit."

Rev. James A. Beattie writes :

The helpers do much routine work during the year and perhaps too seldom come together for counsel and prayer. For this latter purpose more use has been made of the monthly pay day visits to the station. The helpers have all joined the Y. P. S. C. E., which meets on the evening of pay day, and the meeting for that night has been conducted more with reference to the helpers than to the ordinary weekly audience. Papers on "The Awakening of India" that have been appearing in the *Christian Patriot* and other kindred topics were discussed at these meetings and much time was spent in prayer, that these salient truths relating to life and work might be wrought into the warp and woof of the characters of all present. A purely devotional hour on the morning after pay day has been a time of feeding on the promises and getting nearer to God ere separating for the work of another month.

In the reports from the various stations, famine is spoken of as hindering the work at some points and helping it forwards at others and as it has more or less given color to the work of the year the following extracts will show how it has been felt and dealt with.

**Scarcity and
Famine.**

Rev. W. I. Chamberlain of Vellore writes :

As was only too surely anticipated last year, Famine and Pestilence have veritably stalked abroad in the land during the year 1897. While *we* have not suffered from the latter and by no means so severely from the former in this station, as in other parts of India and in other stations, the scarcity has been very severely felt in all parts of this field. Only small areas in this district have been "recognized" as affected by this famine. To secure this recognition tracts of country must necessarily be in a condition threatening, if not, verging on starvation.

The assistance which we, as a Mission, were able to render owing to the generosity of friends in America was much appreciated by the agents of this station. They drew up and sent to the Secretary of the Board a letter expressive of their appreciation and gratitude. The small grants from the

Mission Famine Fund to the villages were utilized in giving labour to those most in need, this labour being expended upon the Mission property in the villages, so that a double object has been gained. Although high prices and the consequent distress have been keenly felt by many of our poorer people, no loss of life or permanent injury to health has resulted so far as we have heard.

Rev. L. B. Chamberlain of Madanapalle reports :

The hardship of last year developed into a semi-famine this year. The village congregations of this field were the most seriously affected of any in the Mission. Through the generous aid sent from America, over Rs. 800 was devoted by the Mission to relieve and sustain those who were without work and therefore food.

Some was given gratuitously, but much was given for work, which benefited the community, such as digging wells, clearing and hedging the church compounds, and otherwise improving church property. Seed was distributed when rain began to fall. Through private funds, cloths were distributed to children and women also. It is saddening to see, through absence of rain as the year closes, the prospect again darkening. Unless rain comes the distress and danger will be greater next year than in 1897.

It is pleasant to record that, in gratitude for aid received the village congregations are reported to be more ready to give of their small means toward the Pastor's salary. The system of setting aside a portion from the grains used in daily meals and devoting the proceeds from its sale, has been introduced and with encouraging results.

Rev. J. A. Beattie writes of the Chittoor field :

A famine time is always a time of many additions to the Christian community. It has been so all over India this year. Many Boarding schools have been filled with the destitute and starving and many lives preserved.

The famine time is further the opportunity of the rich. They hoard their grain and await the higher prices. They demand immediate payment of the monies loaned, and if the poor ryots cannot pay they are sold out from their lands down to their brass pots, which usually have been their marriage presents. A few rupees of famine money one day saved the brass-pots of one man from being sold for taxes and another few rupees prevented a little growing ragi from being sold—ragi that the poor man was longing to reap that he and his family might not starve. When any seed was given without interest he was overjoyed, as the money-lender usually demands from a quarter to a half of the crop. The people and the Helpers feel grateful to the kind friends at home who remembered them with such timely aid.

Rain fell in September in abundance. The tanks
Blasted Hopes. were filled and every available piece of ground was put under cultivation. Things looked bright for a bumper harvest in 1898. But the N. E. monsoon did not come in season and has not come yet. Many crops have failed, and the tanks are almost dry again, and if the wells do not hold out until the advanced crops mature, February or March next year, may see another famine. May God avert it.

The past year is one in which not a few events have occurred to discourage and depress us. The severe famine that has prevailed in the north, together with the scarcity of rainfall in the south, has caused more or less suffering all over India; and although South Arcot was not included among the famine-affected districts, yet the high price of food grains that have everywhere obtained has brought distress to nearly all classes. These oft-recurring famines naturally impede the progress of Mission work. Not only are plans looking to self-support interfered with, but people suffering from the want of the necessities of life are not in a condition favorable to spiritual growth. Hard times may help to develop character in some instances; but among Christians who are in the very elementary stage of religious experience, such frequent and protracted seasons of physical want are not laid hold of as means of grace, nor is it easy to persuade those who have to meet them that they are sent in love.

(NOTE.—Extracts only can be given of the more detailed reports that follow.)

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Under the evangelistic we include all efforts to reach non-Christians, including Touring and Street-preaching, Medical work, Women's work, Sunday-schools, Reading rooms and Christian literature. Each of these agencies, in different ways, bears upon non-Christians.

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The amount of touring done in some of the stations is limited by the large work already organized—nevertheless nearly all stations report additions of villages. The statistical tables show that the number of hearers reported is somewhat less than last year, but there is an increase in the number of "places" and "times."

Attitude of the Pariah. The attitude of the Pariah to Christianity at the present time is such that, faithful, prayerful earnest work will almost surely yield substantial results. If we could devise methods to use the village Christians more, this work of evangelising the masses would proceed more rapidly. In some cases they have done excellent work. The matter needs to be put before them definitely, both as a means of grace for their own souls and as a means of extending Christ's kingdom. When they are filled with the Spirit of God the problem of evangelising the masses will be solved. And in that the lower classes are coming before the caste people, New Testament history is repeating itself. This age still needs to be taught that it is "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

On this point Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, of Tindivanam, writes :

The movement toward Christianity on the part of the Pariahs does not diminish, but we are at our wits' end how to care for more people. Already we are employing inferior agents, and the reception of new villages forces us to add to their number. On the other hand not to take advantage of such an opportunity might result in a reaction that would alienate this class from us and lead them to seek other bodies. Never has there been such a stirring among them as now. That they are determined to escape from the oppressions practised upon them by the higher orders and secure liberty to themselves and their children, even at the risk of great persecution, is evident to all who take the trouble to inquire. That there is no hope for them in Hinduism they are fully aware, and whether they will become Protestants or Roman Catholics depends upon the vigor with which these two bodies prosecute their work among them. If we are to win them in any considerable number our work must be prosecuted on a larger scale than we have yet contemplated. One missionary for our whole Tindivanam field, comprising nearly three Taluqs can effect something, but three men is the least missionary force that can properly compass the vast territory with its teeming thousands.

Rev. James A. Beattie writes :

About two years ago there were only three out-stations connected with Chittoor. The youngest of these was under the care of C. Thomas who was not educated for a catechist, but has proved more useful than many who have had special training. Under the blessing of God he has been instrumental in bringing over to Christianity two other villages that now have catechists of their own. The influence of these Christian centres has been spreading and now the same catechist reports two other villages ready to join us. The prevalence of cholera has at present both hindered and helped the movement.

The schools were broken up : whole villages fled from their homes and dwelt in the fields. Eight heathen people died, but, perhaps, we should not reckon them all heathen as some of them were just about to put themselves and children under the direct instruction of the catechist, when cholera came and swept them away. All the Christians attacked with the dreadful disease recovered. Some medicines were sent out from Chittoor, but in addition the catechist referred to above made pills which seem to have had great healing virtues. He gave them to Christian and heathen alike, and many of the latter were deeply grateful for timely aid thus rendered. They began to pray and in their gratitude promised gifts of fowls, grains, etc., for the forthcoming Harvest Festival. Thus the work spreads and "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

This year five new villages have been occupied and some half a dozen others are ready to be entered. This adds 140 souls to be taught and shepherded. They are in a crude condition at present, but have great possibilities of development. Especially can we expect much from the young.

The adding of new villages led to the employment of new catechists,

some of whom come from a village near Madras that has been Christian for several generations. They joined the touring force on the field and, along with the others, have done good work. The ground covered has been all to the West, North, East and part of the South of Chittoor Taluq. Much touring has been done without tents, but tents were pitched twenty-five times, and an average stay of about three days made in each place. From ten to fifteen and twenty villages were visited in a day, and many were talked to around the tents. Five hundred and forty-three Christian books and gospel portions were sold, and 6,394 tracts given away, and both are now pursuing their silent ministry.

This broadcast dissemination of the word of God had *General Movement.* doubtless something to do with the general movement among the villages of this field ; but other good reasons can be stated. Most of the villages at present interested have relatives who have been Christians for years. The famine has doubtless also been a cause, but the main cause has been God, who, through the human voice and the scattered Word and Providence, has been calling, "Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." The movement is among the Pariah population, but some caste villages are in an interesting condition, and individuals from caste villages would have joined us had we been able to guarantee them protection and employment. They have grown up into a system from which they cannot break away except at the risk of danger and loss. The Pariah is not so bound. Often he has nothing to lose. Few who come to Christianity come with other than mixed motives. By becoming Christians, they hope to rise in the social scale or get protection from creditors or oppressors. Or they want aid in a "case" which is pending or financial help to get land or bullocks. Sometimes they want education for their children and sometimes they simply want food for themselves and families. I know a village that has at the present time supplied the jail with seven or nine thieves and they say they are coming to us so soon as the Government ceases to entertain them ! Well, let them come. The only hope for them is to get them under the purifying influences of the Word of God and the quickening power of His Spirit. And this work begins when a catechist is placed amongst them.

Of the Evangelistic work at Arcot, Dr. L. R. Scudder reports :

I have been able to take but one extended tour this year. That was through the region that we have just voted to give over to the Hermansberg Evangelical Luthern Mission. To me it is a most interesting and hopeful region. On this tour about eighteen families in two villeges covenanted to become Christians, and a number of other villages seemed ready to come over. I took a good supply of medicine with me and treated a large number of cases, sometimes as many as ninety in a morning. I can't help but regret the necessity of passing over to another Mission this field where we had already begun to reap and where the harvest seemed so ready and abundant. But our financial straits and their nearness to the field and readiness to take it and work it vigorously make it seem the best thing to be done.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DR. L. R. SCUDDER'S MEDICAL REPORT.

As far as staff is concerned, we were never better equipped for work. For in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Gnana-
Lack of Funds. moni and myself, Dr. L. H. Hart began in Sept. active and regular work. But the year has been one of hardship and difficulty from lack of funds. Applicants for admission into the hospital were so numerous and urgent that, we refused many who deserved to be admitted and compelled all who could do so to diet themselves. At the end of only six months we had exhausted the grant for dieting patients. We should then have been compelled to close the hospital to in-patients but for the generous response of many of the European residents of Ranipettai to our appeal for funds. Through their liberality, which in hard cash amounted to Rs. 189, the hospital was kept open two months more. The Taluq Board then found that they had an unexpected balance in their favour, so they kindly gave us an additional grant of Rs. 400. With this amount, for which we are very grateful, we will be able to manage to the close of the financial year. In consequence of these difficulties, the total number of in-patients shows a falling off of ninety-one as compared with last year. Had we been able to admit all who really needed admission our number would undoubtedly have been larger than last year's. Thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty-five out-patients were treated, the largest number in the history of the hospital and nearly a thousand more than last year. Our major operations averaged nearly one every other day, or 168. Minor operations were 940. Ninety-two labour cases were conducted in the Lying-in-Hospital ward and sixteen were attended outside. The total of all cases treated during the year is 13,974. The daily average attendance of in and out-patients was respectively 28.80 and 53.73.

As usual the gospel was preached to all who came for
A Case of treatment. While we have had no open confession of
Conversion. Christianity there was, I believe, a case of true conversion. An old caste man was operated on several different times for radical cure of hernia. He stayed a long time in the hospital, off and on, and heard the truth often. While he did not ask for baptism, he often professed his belief in Christ. Often have I known him to perform acts of kindness to his fellow-patients who were worse off than he was, and he even performed acts of menial service, which caste rules forbade, for our Christians and even Pariah patients. And when he died, as he did in the hospital, it was on his knees in prayer. His kind old face and his gratitude for all that was done for him I can never forget.

Of her work since September, Dr. L. H. Hart writes :

Healing and the " Since being appointed to my work there has been
Gospel. nothing of special interest to note. Only, to eight different houses have I been called to visit the sick, *viz* , two Mahomedan, one Parsee, and five Brahmins and these calls have been repeated in only one or two instances. Once having been to see them for

sickness, they seem glad and willing to receive me again. And we may in time be able to open these doors to the Gospel teachers. In the hospital there has been steady work with, I think, fair results from a medical point of view. From a missionary point of view it is impossible to speak of results, but the gospel is daily preached to all who will listen and on Sunday afternoon, a little informal meeting is held with the patients by Mrs. Gnanamoni and myself. Owing to my inability to use Tamil Mrs. Gnanamoni does the talking. She takes up some parable or tells some story from which she draws their thoughts to one Great God and Christ the Saviour. She is frequently interrupted by questions or remarks from those about her, marvelling at the truth or thinking it is beyond them, which enables the truth to be spoken even more plainly. The women pay always great attention to all that is said. Lately a patient came to the hospital from a village near by who seemed much interested in our religion and began to tell Mrs. Gnanamoni about her village. Mrs. Gnanamoni then, with a number of the Christian women of the church here visited that village. And since then a number of women have come to me for treatment from there, nearly every time bringing a new patient with them. Since then I went with Mrs. Gnanamoni to visit them and they are now anxious to be taught to read and are willing to be taught our gospel."

WORK AMONG WOMEN.

So far as figures can set forth what has been done amongst the women, the workers have made 18,250 visits to 689 houses and told the gospel story to 4,643 people. The number of regular houses visited is less by 300 than last year and the number of hearers has decreased by about 2,500 but they record 1,300 more visits made. Altogether the figures seem to point to more thorough work.

Of the work in Tindivanam Mrs. Wyckoff writes :

At the beginning of the year the services of the only *A Modern Parsi*. Bible woman then in employ in Tindivanam were secured by the Women's Gospel Extension Society, who wished to assume at once the support of some one already at work, and chose Mrs. Sawyer. The only change desired in her work was, that she should give herself not so much to the instruction of individual pupils as to the dissemination of truth to the many, visiting new places whenever possible and reaching as large a number as possible.

Mrs. Sawyer, though kept much at home in Tindivanam by the care of a feeble mother, has gone once a week either with some other Christian woman or with myself to one of the many neighboring hamlets to sing and preach the gospel to whomsoever would listen; when kept at home her errands to the Bazaar have been her opportunities; the patients in the hospital have shared her mornings; groups of women from distant villages having sold their bundles of grass have rested near her door and listened a while before starting home; Brahmin women in twos and threes under the trees around the tank

have welcomed her words ; while in two Hindu pial schools she often distributes the Sunday school leaflets. When sent by our Christian Endeavor Society as one of their delegates to the Madura C. E. Convention on both the journeys her words were most courteously received by fellow-travelers. On two occasions she has accompanied us into the district, once to Wandiwash and once on an eight days' tour in Varikkal district and done most valuable and interesting work among both Christians and Hindus. During the 11 months of her work she has preached to over 5,000 hearers and visited 22 places, towns and villages.

On our tour in the Varikkal district we found it a great assistance to have Mrs. Sawyer with us. For while I was assisting in the examination of the school at any place, Mrs. Sawyer would be outside ready to enter into conversation with the heathen who gathered from curiosity, and in one place some Reddi women, unwilling to be seen near the Pariah school, took her away with them to their house, where, as she said, she could "tell it all" without disturbance. In two instances, after walking two or three miles from the encampment to visit with us a neighboring school or group of Christians, she remained behind for the night and had large audiences seated about her on the ground till nearly midnight, quietly listening to her earnest words.

At Orattoor, I was able to inspect personally the work of the Village Bible woman, Mariammal, and found that she was making considerable headway among the poor, illiterate women of the congregation. We went around from house to house early in the morning before the women went out to their work for the day, finding barely room enough to sit down on their tiny, low-roofed mud verandahs, that are little higher than the floor and looking no different in color from the mud of the yards outside. Two or three women in succession would seem discouragingly indifferent to the verses or Catechism they struggled to recite for my benefit, and then the eyes of the next woman would light up and she would show pleasure in the recitation and interest in our words ; so we felt that growth would come in time, even to those humble sisters, so underfed and overtaxed in body and so listless in mind. In the afternoons Mariammal goes to neighboring hamlets for general work and has reached 2,462 hearers in 1,397 visits, with thirty regular houses to visit.

Of the work in Arni Mrs. E. C. Scudder writes :

The women's weekly prayer meetings have been kept up in Arni and in nearly all of the villages. One result of them is that the women's gifts for the Missionary Society and the poor are greater than last year, in spite of food prices being much higher. This may be taken as an indication of a greater care for the Kingdom of God, for surely what one is willing to do for others must be an index of her spirituality.

The Bible woman who has been in Arni for several years kept on with her work until August, when the birth of one child and the serious illness of another compelled her to give up her work. Afterwards she was transferred to another station and a new worker put in her place. Some months before this change, the present woman, Ruth, had been relieved

from school work, and was visiting the small villages in the immediate vicinity of Arni. The women received her kindly and since she has been doing the town work, she has also visited several houses in a neighboring village, but it is impossible for her to reach half the people who might be taught had we another woman. We need another worker for Arni and work in Chetpet and Polur should be begun, as they are large towns, where we have girls' schools, and it is most important that we follow the girls into their homes when they leave school. In Arni we visit regularly in thirty houses—fewer than last year because of the change of workers, but there are many other Hindu homes into which our Christian woman goes for a few minutes' chat and is welcomed. Hindu women think more highly of Christians and are more ready to be friendly with them, because of the work our Bible woman and teachers do in their midst.

Of the work at Vellore, Mrs. W. I. Chamberlain writes :

" This work was interrupted a good deal early in the year. In July, however, Rachel Gideon took up the work of the Bible woman, and I believe that she has done really excellent work. I have visited her houses with her, and have found her on very friendly terms with all. She is also spoken well of by the Christian women in the community, so that I hope, she will be found useful. Since the first of July, she has gained entrance to twenty-five new houses which she regularly visits confining herself, in her work, to Bible Reading only. She is eloquent in speech and fervent in prayer, so that if she proves to be as sincere as she is fluent, she will not inaptly fill the place of good old Gnanadipam. It was voted by the Mission in January last, that I be authorized to employ Matilda Masillamoni as a zenana worker in Paramai's place, but as I was unable at once to fill her place in the Arasamaram Street School with a Christian teacher, she did not begin her zenana work until October last. As I have always had a desire to know just how far our Hindu Girls' School may be counted on to open the doors to zenana work, this seemed to me a good opportunity to test the matter, since Matilda Masillamoni had already had a large acquaintance in the Arasamaram Street School by reason of her having taught there for three years. I instructed her, therefore, in beginning her work, to aim at getting into the houses of her old pupils who had left the school. In one month she had secured thirteen houses, all new but two, and all, I believe, houses of her old pupils, except the two mentioned, which were, however, originally opened to us through the schools. It was delightful, in going about with her, to see the familiar faces of girls who had once been in the school, and who had dropped out on account of age. I believe that the zenana woman could easily secure many more of these houses, but as she teaches regularly nearly every day in these thirteen houses, she has no time for more. She teaches Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, besides sewing and the Bible. These are practically home-classes under regular instruction. There is no doubt that a large field might be opened here to a number of zenana workers, if they could be employed, and I am sure from the reception I have met with in the houses we have, that it would be an encouraging and stimulating work. In one house I sat down with two cows, a bullock, and a young calf, but the conversation was

interesting, and my welcome enthusiastic, so that I would gladly have gone again.

Of the work at Chittoor Mrs. J. A. Beattie writes :

The work of the Bible women was interrupted for more than two months of the year by cholera. The disease was in many of the houses that they were in the habit of visiting. One Hindu woman who was very anxious to be taught, died of cholera, and in another house four persons were carried off by the same disease. Most of the pupils are young married women or young unmarried girls who are thought too old to attend school. The seed of the gospel has been sown, but as yet no visible fruits appear. One encouraging sign is, many appear willing to learn more of our religion.

The Sunday school for heathen women has been kept up throughout the year. One of its members, an old woman, was baptized in church some months ago. She now comes to the Sunday school held in the Mission compound.

The attendance at the Saturday Prayer Meeting for Christian women has been good. Thirty-seven women have contributed to the funds of the Women's Gospel Extension Society, but only eighteen have kept up their contributions regularly during every month of the year.

Of the work at Palmaner Miss J. C. Scudder writes :

Although the number of houses has decreased by five as against the number reported last year, still the number of hearers is much larger, being 9,539. This is the work of only two women, and if the account of the weekly teaching of the other women in the station were kept what a great work done for God it would show. About one-third of the hearers are Mohammedan, and they often listen with more interest than others. But it is hard to convince them of the difference between their religion and ours, as they declare there is so little difference it does not matter. A Brahmin woman wanted very much to have the zenana teacher come to her house, but her mother-in-law interfered and said no Christian should set foot in her house, and as the mother-in-law's authority is supreme in this country, nothing more was done then and the teacher went about her work among others living in the same street. Some time after, the old Brahmin lady saw a comforter that one of the zenana pupils had made and she went home and told her daughter-in-law that she could call that woman—meaning the zenana teacher—and learn to make some socks and caps for her baby if she wished to. In various ways does God thus break the prejudices of the human heart and make a way for himself. I went to see the young woman, but got no further than the verandah, where any one may come, because my Christian foot, if set down over the threshold, would defile the house. This high caste young woman would rather subject herself to the indignity of the gaze of the passer-by in the street than allow a Christian to enter her door. I showed her the picture of Christ blessing the children and explained from some verses in the Bible the blessings He was waiting to give to those who would come to Him now. Then quite a long conversation followed and I was charmed, as the young woman is both pretty and engaging. I invited her to come and see me ; she seemed pleased and said she would.

Next day she sent me word that she would come at two o'clock. But I waited in vain and have no doubt that the mother-in-law is again at the bottom of the broken plans. May be the old lady will give in on this point also bye and bye. We Missionaries have been praying unitedly for the awakening of India's sleeping multitudes—one of the subjects being the women of India. Remember with us the thousands who are without the Saviour that they may know Him ere it be too late.

Of the work at Madanapalle Miss von Bergen writes :

Women's Prayer Meetings are held weekly in Madanapalle. The women of the Madanapalle field have also pledged themselves to contribute a goodly sum to the Women's Gospel Extension Society, in which they continue to manifest considerable interest. Faithful work has been done here by Esther Julia, the Bible woman, during the year. She has now some thirty houses which she visits. In at least half of these the women are instructed in reading. Some of them are women with large families and many household cares, who deserve great credit for taking up reading at this time of life in spite of many obstacles. One of our women, a former pupil in one of the Mission Schools of Madras, reads the gospel very intelligently with Esther, and has several times told us that "she believes our God to be the true one, and that she does not worship idols." The women constantly change, but wherever possible a gospel portion at least is placed in the hands of those who read, to take with them when they leave. A goodly number of gospel portions have been sold here this year, it being understood by all the women that they are expected to provide themselves with the same as soon as they are able to read sufficiently well.

A trip was taken in the latter part of July which extended to August to Bardakayalpalle, one of our Christian villages about twenty five miles distant, in company with the junior Pastor and the voluntary Bible woman, who, as she has had time and strength, has done what she could. During the few days we spent in that village, we met in prayer meetings and in social intercourse with our humble Christian sisters and came into contact with them as we could not have otherwise done. Large numbers of non-Christian women came to our tent, prompted by curiosity chiefly. To those of them who stopped long enough and would listen, we showed and explained gospel pictures and told them the old yet ever new story of "Jesus and His love." Mornings and evenings we went either to the town or surrounding villages, and told our message to the women whom we met in the fields or on the door steps or by the wayside. Of course no results were apparent, but yet we trust in spite of indifference, that our work during our four days' stay was not "in vain in the Lord."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Four thousand eight hundred and ten pupils have been regularly instructed in 156 Sunday Schools during the year, showing that the spiritual needs of the young are not uncared for. Various schemes of lessons have been used and a free use of pictures and cards has been made. But it is

generally acknowledged that this department is not so well organized outside the Headquarter stations as it should be, and it is complained that much of the Bible teaching in all schools is defective. The history or the bones of the lessons are taught, but the spiritual meaning of the lessons and their personal applications to the lives of the pupils are generally neglected. This defect may be explained as partly due to low spiritual attainments of the teachers, and partly to a fear of driving away non-Christians. If one good scheme of lessons were to be adopted throughout the Mission and Teachers' classes generally held, this department might improve very greatly in efficiency. The importance of this work cannot be magnified too much. The children in this land drink in Pantheism with their mothers' milk, and when they become adults, God knows how the workers fail in fastening sin and responsibility upon their consciences. Were their minds saturated with God's truth, the Spirit of God would find data to work upon.

Of the schools in Ranipet Miss Kitty Scuddder writes cheerily, that,

"The three Sunday Schools for heathen children held in Arcot, Wallajah, and Ranipettai have increased in interest. The teachers have shown commendable zeal in preparing simple object lessons with which to illustrate the truths taught. As the objects are displayed, or Kindergarten blocks arranged, or Black-board picture-talks presented, it is pleasant to watch the interest manifested on the faces of the children not only, but of adults also, who come in at the sound of childish voices singing praises to Jesus. A number of the Gospel Hymns have been translated into Tamil and are great favourites. Recently, on a stormy Sabbath I hesitated whether to visit the Sunday schools, for these children never own umbrellas nor water-proof clothes and so we do not expect them to come out when it is raining. Yielding, however, to a better impulse, my surprise and delight were great when I found seventy children in one school and forty to fifty in another.

The Station school also holds a Sunday school in the Church on Sabbath afternoon. It is attended by the younger children of our resident Christians and some of the very poor among the heathen. And yet in spite of their poverty, these little ones bring their offerings and have expressed a desire that they be used towards supplying the oil for lighting the church. Is it not a pleasing thought that children who bring brightness with their sunny faces are thus, by their works, shining for Him, who, so many years ago commanded the children of Israel to "bring oil for the light to cause the lamp to burn continually."

EDUCATIONAL.

The educational department of the report is much fuller this year than formerly, and a glance at the educational statistics will show how largely it bulks in the work of the year.

It cannot be said any longer that we are not an Educational Mission. The list of institutions under operation is opened with the Theological

Seminary which is immediately followed by the Arcot Mission College. Then come six Boarding Schools, three for girls in Madanapalle, Chittoor and Ranipet, respectively, and three for boys in Vellore, Tindi and Madanapalle, respectively. Next, we have two Technical Institutions, the Industrial School in Arni and the Training School for Mistresses in Chittoor. These are followed by eighteen Hindu Girls' Schools reported on by the ladies in charge. Five Anglo-Vernacular schools come next, and lastly, the 144 village or Primary schools. The total of schools of all kinds is 175. With the exception of an Upper Secondary School for girls and a Training School for boys, we can meet the wants of all candidates within our bounds for some years to come. The total number of pupils under instructions is 5,883. Rupees 16,383-8-3 having been collected in fees, and Rupees 13,005-5-8, have been received in grants. The total amount received from both sources is Rupees 29,388-13-11. There has been a falling off in grants, and an increase in fees of Rupees 276-6-7.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, D.D., Principal, and General Synod's Professor of Theology.

Miss J. C. Scudder, Teacher of Catechists' Wives' Class. Mr. J. D. Solomon, Teacher of Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, etc.; Mr. S. Daniel, Teacher of Sacred and Church History, Evidences of Christianity, etc.

The past year was fraught with trials that made *Difficulties Overcome*. large demands on our courage and patience. In February, soon after the opening of the first session, I was prostrated by a nearly fatal attack of malarial fever, from the effects of which I did not fully recover for five months. Though unable to meet my classes during this period of weakness, I was providentially, in a position to furnish them, throughout the greater part of it, with written lectures on Theology and Romans. The teachers and students, on their part, pledged themselves to work as diligently and faithfully as if I were present, which pledge, I am pleased to testify, was fully redeemed; my own classes writing out and studying my lectures, and reciting them to each other in turn daily. Thus, though working at considerable disadvantage, they did not lose as much as they might have done, if I had been incapable of furnishing them with materials for study. But our troubles did not end here. I was not the only sufferer from disease. An obstinate and harrassing type of fever prevailed throughout the place during the greater part of the year; and scarcely a student escaped making unpleasant acquaintance with it. Quite frequently a whole family would be down with it at once; and in battling with it, we had to make a marvellous expenditure of quinine and other remedies. It gives me pleasure, however, to report, that notwithstanding all these drawbacks, the students pluckily kept up their spirits and their efforts, and as a consequence, passed a very creditable examination before the Board of Superintendents in December.

The Seminary course provides for four full time classes. Last year, however, there were only three, *vis.*, Senior, Upper Middle, and Lower Middle, there being no Junior.

These classes numbered four, five, and four students, respectively. The Senior Class passed an excellent examination, and all its members were granted Professor's Certificates of graduation. They are a fine set of men, and it has been to me a great pleasure to carry them through the course of Theology and Exegesis. They go forth to their work with our warmest good wishes, and our hearty prayers that they may do eminent service in the church of their Master. There is also in this institution a "Lay Class" in which young men of moderate education get one year's training in Theological branches of study. Last year there were in this class ten young men, three from our own Mission, and seven from the Free Church of Scotland Mission. This is the first time we have had outsiders in our Seminary, and they are most welcome. It will give us great pleasure to receive into all, or any of our departments, students from any quarters; our teaching staff being quite up to training classes much larger than any we have had in the institution up to date. This Lay Class did so well this year as to elicit special words of approbation from its examiners; and as a reward of its diligence and success it was decided that it be continued on for another year. Its members are bright and ambitious lads, quite deserving of a prolonged opportunity of improving themselves, and becoming fitted for their life-work.

There are thirteen women in the Catechists' Wives' Class, of which Miss J. C. Scudder has charge.

ARCOT MISSION COLLEGE.

During the year steps were taken by the Mission to develop the Vellore High School into a College and of this "Embryo College" Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, M.A., the present Manager and future Principal writes as follows:—

The Vellore High School.

This "Embryo College" has been so much before the Mission during the past year by reason of the very kind and sympathetic interest shown in its progress by all the members of the Mission, and by favor of the belligerent attitude of the Municipal Council of Vellore, that like John Alden and his adopted state of old, it must be left to speak for itself.

Nothing conspicuous has gone amiss, in spite of gentle suspicions that some would have our plans "gang agley." The momentum of 29 years is not thus easily overcome.

The Secondary Departments have risen to a strength of about 450 and maintained an average of about 50 more than corresponding months of last year. The income from Day School Fees alone from the entire institution has been slightly more than Rs. 10,000, while that from Grants has been about Rs. 3,000, making a total of Rs. 13,000, as against Rs. 11,000 in 1896.

The Primary Department closed the year with a strength of 506 as against 404 in December, 1896. The fee collections amounted to Rs. 2,072 about Rs. 300 more than in 1896. Thus the total strength of the institution has risen to 950.

In November the XXIXth Anniversary was held under the Chairmanship of W. H. J. Lefanu, Esq, Famine Commissioner, who made an appreciative and scholarly address on the occasion, contrasting the American and European Systems of Education. This auspicious occasion was utilized to formally announce to the public the action of the Mission organizing the school into a Second Grade College in January, 1898. Subsequently application was made to the Syndicate for the affiliation of the College with the University, and a reply has been received announcing the decision of the Syndicate to recommend to Government the affiliation of the College.

Rev. H. Huizinga reports on the same as follows :

During the last three months I have given unwritten Sunday lectures for Hindus on the Parable of the Prodigal Son and on the Apostles' Creed. As the examinations were pressing, the school boys were loath to come out. Not many others came, about twenty altogether each time ; but the attention given was always good. Personal work among boys of all classes has been attended to throughout the year.

I would like to put on record my opinion that the school affords an immense opportunity for direct Christian work among the 900 boys attending. A little more aggressive work than I have been able to do will be well. We must not fear what those opposed to our Christian work may say and do. Ours is the responsibility for the 900 souls placed within our reach.

BOARDING SCHOOLS.

High School Boarding Department. The Rev. W. I. Chamberlain closes his report on the Vellore High School by saying that "the briefest account of the school would not be complete without a reference to the Boarding Department, which has numbered from eighty to ninety-six, and has been largely under the care of the lady Missionary of the station. The burdens of this department, and they are not few, have fallen on her, and the Superintendent who continues to support her with commendable faithfulness. When in the Station I visit the school every day at the evening study hour, when I endeavor to divest myself of my official relation and get on a personal footing with the lads. Their conduct has been fair and their diligence in study also as a whole. But their irregularity in attending the school has surprised us and annoyed the teachers. There was during this year a more serious outburst of discontent among a few misled lads than has yet occurred in my experience with the school. The offending lads were, however, soon brought to a sense of their foolishness, and the school subsided into the even tenor of its way. It seems to be natural, if not necessary, for the superabundant mischief in these youths to burst out occasionally. The natural tendency is not limited by any means

to youths of this country, and our philosophy can sustain us through such experiences without very much of a shock.

The Y. M. C. A. meetings have been well maintained and the Sunday afternoon preaching has been continued, though with varying interest. The Week of Prayer was observed with much interest and the Volunteer Band has been conducted by Mr. Huizinga. At the close of the school year the boys provided an evening entertainment which we all enjoyed."

GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, CHITTOOR.

Mrs. Beattie writes that "the past year has been one *A Year of Progress*. of progress in all departments of this school. The students have worked faithfully, and their efforts have not been fruitless. The teaching staff consists of two Matriculates, and two Lower Secondary teachers. The Head Mistress has labored most conscientiously, sparing neither time nor pains to make the school efficient. Her example has been an inspiration to all who are under her, and her influence has been felt throughout the whole school. The first assistant also has done excellent work and has taken much interest in teaching the girls to sing. We began the year with forty-seven pupils and ended with forty-five. Two girls, who had been trained as primary teachers, left to take up teaching work. The results obtained in the government examination, which took place in October, were very satisfactory.

English is being taught in all the classes. The girls are particularly interested in this study. The health of the school has been very good, there being no cases of serious illness during the year. The prevalence of cholera in the town caused us much anxiety. On this account the summer vacation was extended to two months. We are very grateful to God for preserving not only our school, but all our Christian people also, from disease. We are sorry to have to record the death of one little girl. She went home for the holidays in apparently perfect health. Before school reopened the news came that she had died of fever. One fact has been very noticeable this year. When the girls have returned from their vacations they have not been in such good condition physically as when they left school. A few of them have returned with unmistakable signs of famine stamped upon them. The girls who are Christian Endeavorers have taken much interest in the work of the Society. Many of them have done voluntary Christian work. On Sunday evenings a class has studied with enthusiasm, the Pilgrim's Progress."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOLS, MADANAPALLE.

Rev. L. B. Chamberlain reports that the Boarding Schools continue their regular work. There were 37 boarders in the Boys' school and 32 boarders in the Girls' school. Over Rs. 350 have been received in fees for full-boarders, the number of such being larger than ever, some being sent by Church Missionary Society, others by London Missionary Society Mission

aries, and others by their parents. The healthfulness of Madanapalle is undoubtedly an attraction.

Though we failed in some efforts to secure a properly qualified Christian Head Master for the Boys' school, we have succeeded in obtaining the services of a fully qualified Christian Head Mistress for the Girls' school.

The deportment and diligence of the boarding pupils has been good, fewer than ever appearing on the dishonor roll. The report of the Bible Examination of the Boys' school is appended. Rev. J. A. Beattie, Committee on the Bible Examination of the Boys' school reports:—

“The scheme of lessons had been closely followed and the teachers had evidently done faithful work. The results as a whole were satisfactory. It may be pointed out that while the pupils excel in the committing to memory of stories and isolated facts and names, they are deficient in their knowledge of the philosophical and spiritual meaning of the passages taught. This may not be due to laxity on the part of the teachers or carelessness on the part of the pupils, but to a too lengthy scheme of lessons.

It is very important that the upper, if not all classes, be taught not only the bones of the lessons, but the spiritual meaning and its bearing on their lives and characters.

GIRLS' PRIMARY BOARDING SCHOOL, RANIPET.

Dr. L. R. Scudder writes:—The Primary Department of the Girls' Boarding School has had a quiet uneventful year. With one or two exceptions, the girls have enjoyed good health. The number on the Rolls the first term was 71. In August admissions were made bringing the number on the Roll up to 87.

On December 2nd the Bible examination was held. The Committee report that “On the whole the examination results are satisfactory when we consider that this is the first time Bible lessons have been taught according to the scheme now in use.”

The children have been a very happy little throng and easily governed. It is not in this direction that there is any trouble. Their one great shortcoming, and the one worry of the teachers and myself is their ignorance of how to study. We are glad to say that three of the older girls were received into the full communion of the church on confession of their faith in April.

The closing event of our uneventful year and of the school was the prize distribution, held the day following the Bible examination. The exercises were held in the spacious rooms occupied by the Government Normal School which afforded ample accommodation for the school and all their exercises, and also a goodly number of guests. We are delighted at the prospect of having our own school hall before another year. The building is well under way, and even allowing for all slowness in such operations in India, it must surely be completed within this year. Indeed we hope to be able to occupy it in July of 1898.

BOYS' PRIMARY BOARDING SCHOOL, TINDIVANAM.

Rev. J. H. Wyckoff writes:

The Primary Boarding School has had 65 boys in attendance. The health of the school has been generally good and with the exception of four or five runaways, their conduct has also been satisfactory. After returning from vacation, five lads suddenly absconded, but all were afterwards brought back. One lad, however, afterwards, several times repeated the offence and had to be reclaimed with log and chain and threats of a home in the Chingleput Reformatory! He has been cured and we trust will make a useful man. The boys attended the Middle School as day scholars and competed successfully with the non-Christian lads. The results earned in the Primary Examination were excellent, and ten lads will be promoted to the Vellore High School. Mrs. Wyckoff maintains a Junior Endeavor Society among the boys, thirty-four of whom are members.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The two schools of this description are in Arni and *Normal, Chittoor*. Chittoor, respectively. Of the training school in Chittoor, Mr. Beattie writes that, "the strength of this school during the year has been eighteen, fourteen in the Primary, and four in the Lower Secondary Division. Besides those from our own Mission, we had students from Chingleput and Gooty. Scholarships to the amount of Rs. 558-13-9, have been drawn for fourteen of the pupils. The staff has consisted of a Head Master and one Assistant Mistress. The latter, having had no experience in Teaching has hardly been qualified for the work of training teachers. After this year's experience, however, more may be expected of her.

Of the nine students who appeared for the Practical Test Examination held in October, six passed. The school was examined in Bible in November. The following is Dr. L. R. Scudder's report of that Examination: "The Lower Secondary Class passed an excellent examination in all subjects: one of the girls receiving the maximum marks in all the subjects. They were thoroughly familiar with the portions studied. The Primary Class did not distinguish themselves, but they passed well in all subjects with the exception of two girls. In Heidelberg Catechism and memoriter they were not up to the usual standard of excellence. They were, however, thoroughly familiar with portions of the Old and New Testament that they had studied. The Telugu department has been very weak this year, only one student from the London Mission studying in that language. Next year we expect that students from the same Mission and we hope our own Telugu field also will be able to add to the number."

Rev. E. C. Scudder writes regarding the Industrial *Industrial, Arni*. School that it "has been doing well and the prospects for it are brighter than ever before. In May, a Committee of the Mission visited the school, and, according to instructions,

made a complete change in its organization. The Manager does not at all approve of the changes made, and less after a few months of trial than when the matter was theory. He holds more strongly than ever that the cultivation of body and mind should go hand in hand, at the same place and time, but it has been decided otherwise and it is for him to go on with his work, on the new lines, according to orders, until the happy day arrives when he can pass the job on to new hands and brains. An interesting fact in regard to the school is that twenty-four pupils from other Missions are now in attendance."

HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

Eighteen of these schools are reported this year, showing a gain of two over last year. The ladies in charge of them report as follows :

Miss M. K. Scudder writes :

The four Hindu Girls' Schools in Ranipettai, Walajah, Arcot, and Kaveripak have done good work throughout the year. The latter has been raised to a higher standard, that of Lower Secondary.

The Hindu Boys' School of Walajah presented thirty-six pupils for Government examinations, of whom twenty-four passed merit and nine ordinary.

In the station school for both boys and girls, I must with sorrow report the death of one of our bright Christian boys. On Sabbath morning he was in his place in church, and in the evening in his Father's house above. Thus swiftly does cholera claim its victims.

I wish that all who are interested in our day schools for heathen boys and girls could have been present at our prize givings in the above named schools, and heard these little ones repeat passages of Scripture and sing our Christian songs, and had seen them receive their prizes for having passed in Bible studies, as well as those given for Government examinations.

Mrs. E. C. Scudder writes :

There are now four of these schools in the Arni field in Arni, Kosapalliam, Chetpet and Polur. Of these the Kosapalliam school is the finest. Faithful and interesting teachers make the school pleasant for the children and they are the happiest, liveliest, and best taught children in our field. It is a joy to visit the school.

The Arni school attendance is increasing, and we hope for better results in the coming examination than those of last February, which were poor. The school has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the opposition to it in the town several years ago, when we had to close it for a time.

The people of Chetpet seem to live in a state of suspicion of us Missionaries. Periodically, they take their girls out of our school and declare that they won't send them where there are three Christian teachers out of

four. Then the Hindu teachers of Boys' and Girls' Schools, who fear losing their positions, should we close the schools in consequence of a lack of pupils, rush round the town, hold meetings and again persuade the parents to send their girls. Of course such irregular proceedings injure the work of the school, but it seems to have gained ground during the year, in spite of difficulties. The number on the roll now is 59, with an average attendance in November of 38, and the people seem to be getting reconciled to the Christian teachers and the Christian lyrics and Bible lessons taught in the school.

In April, we opened a school in Polur, a town of about 7,000 inhabitants, eighteen miles from Arni. Some objections have been made to the number of Christian teachers in the school, and we could undoubtedly double the number on the rolls if we put in more Hindu teachers. But we believe it better to keep our force of three Christians and one Hindu and have a smaller school until the people gain confidence in us. There are 54 names now on the roll and the average attendance in November was 26. This is only the eighth month of the school's existence, so we are confident that in time it will be a flourishing school.

One of our former school girls paid us a flying visit one afternoon, when she and her husband were in Arni for a few days. She lives in a distant town and it was a real delight to see her and know of her happiness. She, and a number of other girls who studied in our schools, have been married during the last three years, and in all cases known to us, they are well grown girls, so it has been our pleasure to rejoice with them and their people over their happy marriages.

Mrs. W. I. Chamberlain writes :—

Vellore. It is twenty-six years since the first of the two Hindu Girls' Schools now in Vellore was opened by Miss Mandeville. Since that time it has become known as the Arasamaram Street Girls' School and has borne fruit in the establishment in Circar Mundy Street, of a second school, which has just finished its seventeenth year. The two schools have passed through some perils and many changes in management and are now about to undergo another change. In handing over the charge of schools at the end of this year, I am glad to be able to report that both are in good condition, and give promise of doing good work in the future. The Arasamaram Street School, the older of the two, has grown steadily through the year until the number now on the roll is 166, the largest in its history. The obliging landlord has enlarged the building to increase the accommodation, and the second division of the Infant class is now provided with a beautiful new class room, in what was formerly a "go-down." Sewing and Kindergarten occupations have been taught during the year by Mrs. Mary Aruldas, one of our Christian women, and I am glad to commend her in this report for the excellent work she has done. Her success in the difficult art of teaching the Hindu girls to sew well and neatly has been very encouraging. The Bible and catechism have been regularly taught, and in the Bible examination, held in September, the girls did better than last year

Three girls went up for the Primary Examination held in December, and two of the three passed. I did earnestly hope that the parents of these girls would continue them in the 1st Form next year, thus enabling us to raise the school again to the Lower Secondary Grade. But I could not induce the parents to promise, showing that they do not appreciate the fact that the advancement of their country and people depends not less upon the education of their daughters than upon that of their sons.

The Cicar Mundy Street School has completed its year with about the same strength on the rolls as at the beginning. The tone and discipline are not so good as in the other school, and the management is always obstructed by the bi-lingual character of the school. The building is not large enough to accommodate the large number of classes made necessary by the existence of two languages. It is to be regretted that we cannot get a stronger class of Christian teachers in our Hindu Girls' Schools. The Cicar Mundy School closes the year with 139 names on the Attendance Roll. The work in both of the schools has been, on the whole, satisfactory, and reflects credit on the Head Masters and teachers.

Mrs. Beattie writes :

Chittoor. The Hindu Girls' School has had a year of ups and downs. In this school the Normal students are taught the practical part of their profession. It is, therefore, important that the numbers of the classes should be kept up. Students from the Training School accompanied by a teacher spend every afternoon of the week here. Model lessons are given by the Head Master, and the students give object and other lessons which are criticized by their fellow-students. As there are Tamil and Telugu divisions in all the classes in this school, it is well suited to be the practising school of a bi-lingual training school.

In the end of last year a rival school was started by a number of Hindu gentlemen. The reasons given for opening this school were that in the Mission school the children were taught the Bible, they were under the influence of Christian teachers, and they were expected to attend Sunday school. For a time the numbers of our school were reduced considerably, about thirty leaving-certificates being granted to pupils. In April an outbreak of cholera occurred in the town, on account of which the vacation was extended to two months. School re-opened on the 1st of July with a very small number. The average attendance for the month was only about twenty.

In August, with the decrease of cholera, the attendance began to improve, and now the year ends with much brighter prospects. The average attendance for the month of December has been nearly seventy. There are ninety-three names on the Register.

Many of those who went to the rival school have returned. During the period of trial the teachers, Hindu as well as Christian, were faithful to the interests of the Mission, and wrought hard to increase the attendance. Their efforts have met with success.

A Hindu gentleman, a Social Reformer, who has recently come to the town and who takes a deep interest in female education has proved himself

a good friend. He has offered Rs. 5 per month to the school if English classes are opened, and many of the girls are anxious to begin that study.

A very interesting feature of this school is the Sunday-school. The attendance of girls is almost as good as on the week days. For the last two months boys also have been coming. The boys' class has averaged from eighteen to thirty-six. Boys and girls alike are very fond of singing and they sing with energy if not with taste.

Miss Von Bergen writes :

Madanapalle.

The Punganoor Hindu Girls' School continues to prosper under the able management of its energetic Head Mistress. Its present strength is ninety-three. While the discipline of the school has been excellent, the results of the Government examinations have not been so satisfactory. Only thirty-six of the fifty girls who appeared for the examinations passed. This can only be accounted for by the fact that the Government examinations took place considerably earlier this year than usual. This change hardly allowed time for thorough teaching of the subjects, and explains to some extent the failure of so large a number of pupils.

The Punganoor Mahommedan Girls' School has at present sixty eight girls enrolled, with an average attendance of fifty-five. The results of the Government examination were not satisfactory. Only eleven of the twenty-six who appeared passed. In both schools the results of the Bible examination were very satisfactory. Both teachers and pupils were commended by examiners. In the Hindu School forty of the forty-five girls who appeared, passed.

The Vayalpad Hindu Girls' School has not improved as much as we desired and hoped. Its present strength is twenty-one, which is but a very slight increase over last year. However, under the present Head Master, the school promises to grow more rapidly, and the results of the teaching to be more satisfactory.

The Madanapalle Hindu Girls' School, which was closed for over two years, was reopened in November with a Christian Head Mistress in charge. By the first of December twenty girls were enrolled. However, as there is still a rival school in the town patronized by Brahmins, chiefly, its future growth will probably be slow, as its pupils must be drawn principally from the non-Brahmin community.

ANGLO-VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.

There are five of these schools in the Mission, and as to their condition, the different managers will speak.

The Manager, Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, reports that
Punganoor. "the High School at Punganoor lost its Head Master.

by death in February of this year. He had been associated with the High School from its beginning, in 1891, and had just completed his sixth year of service. He was a faithful and very efficient teacher and Head Master, and the unusual circumstance of a high school

maintained with fair degree of strength and efficiency in a small zemindari town, was largely owing to his earnestness and ability. Since his death the First Assistant has acted as Head Master. The school has fallen in strength and in efficiency also, it is feared. The famine, which was quite severely felt in Punganoor, is partly accountable for the decrease in fee collections, which is, however, offset by a decreased expenditure on account of the staff.

The Bible Examination was conducted by the Committee in November, the report of which is as follows: "The attendance and behaviour of the scholars were good. The higher classes had covered more ground than in the previous year, and the Examination in both higher and lower classes was satisfactory. * * * The decided improvement in both quantity and quality of the matter prepared for examination by the higher classes is noted, and the Bible Master, Lazarus Marian, is commended for it. While this justifies the strictures of the last examination calling for more than presented, the Committee is again impressed with the necessity of revising the Bible scheme as regards the Bible portions assigned for higher classes in schools where non-Christians predominate."

Katpadi. "The school at Katpadi was raised to the standard of a first Grade Lower Secondary School in January of this year, and one of the Punganoor Assistant Masters placed in charge of it as Head Master. The school has worked well. The strength has not been maintained, though the income in both items of fees and grants has been more than maintained. All the girls attending the school withdrew in May owing to the introduction into the school of a Christian lad. He is the son of a member of the congregation at Gudanagaram, and is the stormy petrel of the school. After entering the L. F. caste school in his own town, and the Municipal Middle School at Gudiyatam, and being the innocent cause of emptying both of their pupils and closing the schools, he joined the school at Katpadi, when the girls withdrew; but the boys continuing, the strength of the school in large part remained.

The Manager J. H. Wyckoff writes:—

Tindivanam. The Middle School has not had so large an attendance as in 1896, but the work done was more satisfactory. The results of the Assistant Inspector's examination in the 1st and 2nd Forms were fair, while those of the Primary school were excellent. All the classes of the Feeder school did well, and the inspection of the new Gidangal branch took place also. The Middle School results of last year were, in common with the other schools, rather poor. The Head Master, Mr. S. Prakasam Samuel, continues to render excellent service, and the Assistant Masters in all the departments have, with a single exception worked faithfully. As usually the Scripture lesson receives a great deal of attention, and as a rule is prepared with the same care as the other studies. The Bible Examination Committee, Revs. E. C. Scudder and W. I. Chamberlain, spent a day in November examining the school in all its departments in Scripture lessons, but no report has come in from them.

The improvement of the Middle School Building, which, it was hoped, might be effected this year, has been again delayed owing to the plans not having received the sanction of the Consulting engineer.

The Manager Rev. L. B. Chamberlain writes :—

Vayalpad.

The Vayalpad Lower Secondary School struggles on despite the lowering of fees through the teachers voluntarily becoming responsible for all deficit under a certain amount, and contributions by the Village Magistrate M. R. Ry., G. Narayana Reddi and the Manager, the attendance has not grown. Hard times in part explain this. The rival school furnishes another explanation. Mr. Ross, the Head Master of this school, writes as follows: A report of the work of the school during the year under review, though not much marked with features of encouragement and improvement, as it has been in the past, is one affording a fair amount of satisfaction to the management and the staff. Many and varied were the difficulties that this little boat of education, launched into the midst of the turbulent waves of Vayalpad, had to encounter. This institution has been for the past sixteen years a silent witness to several motions set on foot against it, patiently repelling as often as it could through legitimate means, all strokes of the chisel applied to undermine it. Steadiness, perseverance and long life are its chief features. Its foundation is based on love and not on rivalry.

Any institution intended to be injured, receives its first blow on its numerical strength, which naturally results in the fall of finance. This institution had its share of trouble and would have collapsed long ago had it not been for the prudent management of the Mission which has tenderly cared for it at the critical moments.

Rev. J. A. Beattie reports on the Bible Examination of the school :—
“ With some exceptions the pupils acquitted themselves satisfactorily. No attempt had been made to cover the whole scheme of lessons. Quality rather than quantity seemed to be aimed at. In one class twenty chapters of Genesis had been taught, and five chapters of Mark. Seeing this is a purely Hindu School it might have been better if this order had been reversed, and the teachers had taught a few chapters of Genesis and the whole of Mark.

Here, as in perhaps all our Mission Schools, sufficient attention had not been given to the spiritual meaning and its bearing on the lives of the pupils.”

VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

So soon as a number of families pledge themselves and their children to Christian instruction, we begin the work in the village with the Christian school. The aim is to give the young people a working knowledge of the three “ R’s ” and instil Christian truth into their minds day by day. The school books used have a Christian tone, but a catechism and New Testament stories form the basis of Christian teaching. At the close of the evening school the adults come in and take part in the religious exercises.

If the children in the schools could appreciate the *Obstacles to Success*. difficulties their fathers have got into, and the losses they have sustained by not being able to read the money-lender's "bond" or the "inevitable mortgage," and if they could further appreciate the Missionaries' efforts in trying to pull their fathers out of these "lion's dens," they would feel more kindly towards their schools and take more interest in them than they do. But the chief blame lies in the short-sightedness of the parents in not insisting on their attendance. This year their irregular attendance is largely explained by famine. Though many in Arcot were "apprenticed to the caste men to get food" there were still 450 studying in twenty-three schools. Arni speaks of "improvement in the quality of work done," and keeps an itinerating school-master to prompt both teachers and pupils. Chittoor reports "cholera and famine" as injuring the results of the year, but speaks of an "increase in the number of schools." The less grants received in Tindivanam are explained by the teachers as due to "hard times," (may they "come again no more") while the Missionary says the true reason, in many cases, is "faithlessness on the part of the teachers themselves." Madanapalle speaks "tremblingly" of the existence of five schools—fervently hoping that they may not prove "mushroom ones" like their predecessors, and further complains that, although food was daily doled out the attendance was not flourishing. Lastly, Vellore reports that "there are thirty of such schools attended by from 750 to 800 pupils, only twenty per cent of these being girls. It has been no light task for the village teachers to keep up the attendance required in these schools owing to the presence of famine, and the added necessity to work for their food which came upon parents and children alike. They deserve credit for these comparatively good results.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK.

Statistical. The figures in the statistical tables show an increase of seventy-two in families, 116 in communicants, 136 in baptized, and 466 in unbaptized, adherents. The total increase of the congregation is 433, showing that there has been severe purging of lists in some stations. The total of the congregation including 2,208 communicants, 3,633 baptized adherents and 2,570 catechumens is 8,411 an increase of 466 over last year. There has also been an increase of contributions for benevolent and congregational purposes amounting to Rs. 354-9-2.

In spite of the famine several stations speak of better pastoral support than last year. Christian Endeavor work has been greatly extended and Harvest Festivals are growing in interest.

CHURCH AND CONGREGATION.

PALMANER, BY REV. J. W. SCUDDER.

The Church here is made up very largely of the teachers and students of the Theological Seminary with their families. These, though few in

number, form an intelligent and interesting congregation. With such a constituency attendance on divine worship is naturally regular, and it is pleasant to see the little Church quite full at the services on the Sabbath. The children also, of whom there are many, are always present, and give to the scene a bright feature which in these days is oftentimes wanting in Church gatherings. The aggregate of the congregation is 136, as against 123 in the preceding year.

Two week-day prayer meetings, one general and the other for women only were fairly well attended. The former was conducted by the teachers and students of the Seminary in turn, and was characterized by a considerable amount of vitality and warmth. This meeting affords the divinity students a fair field to exercise their gifts of exhortation and prayer. Five Sunday schools have been in operation during the year, two of them in the church and Hindu Girls' School buildings respectively, and the other three in the streets of the town. The pupils on the rolls numbered 182, of whom 130 were non-Christians. The average attendance was 135. The Seminary students with their wives and children are always present at these gatherings either as teachers or scholars. We strive to make the exercises attractive as well as instructive by a free use of pictures and cards. The total contributions for congregational and benevolent purposes were Rs. 209-14-5.

MADANAPALLE, BY REV. L. B. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Madanapalle congregation has lost its first and honored Pastor Rev. P. Souri. Rev. Dr. J. Chamberlain writes of his thirty years' associate in another place.

The church officers and members are becoming *Self-help Increasing*. more and more competent to carry on the congregational work. The prayer meetings have been regularly sustained and the church services regularly and largely attended. The contributions for Pastor's salary have again exceeded the amount paid out, which is Rs. 21 a month. This is the result of the Boarding school pupils contributing this year one-third of the allowance for meat, totaling over Rs. 80. In addition to Rs. 347-15-3 received for congregational purposes, Rs. 107-3-2 have been raised for benevolent objects. Of this Rs. 49-8-0 was given to the Bible Society. Deducting Rs. 129 estimated as the contribution from Europeans, the total of the contribution from the native church is Rs. 455-2-3.

The total of Christians in the Madanapalle field is 791 as against 738 for 1896. A few families in one village have given in their names as adherents to Christianity, but the chief growth has been by additions in old centres.

After full consideration of the needs of the congregation and its financial condition, and after voting the widow of the late Pastor a bonus of three months' salary, the congregation decided to call another Pastor and assume one half of his support, thus binding itself to raise monthly Rs. 21 in 1898, increasing yearly Re. 1. The decision was also made to assign distinct fields to the

two pastors. Rev. J. Souri, the present Pastor decided to take the out-station work. On the first vote Mr. Joseph John, this year a graduate of the Theological Seminary received a majority and he was thereupon unanimously called. As he is a man who has already made a name, and one who is known by and knows the congregation, we have every reason to hope for vigorous and productive work from and under him.

TINDIVANAM, BY REV. J. H. WYCKOFF.

Rejoicing with Trembling. I have been surprised on making up the totals to find an increase under nearly every head. Two new villages have been added to the list, and 300 souls have been enrolled as catechumens, thus swelling the number of adherents to 2,040, a net increase of 236. The number of baptisms was 167, of which 64 were adults, while 67 persons were added to the churches on confession, and 27 by letter, making the whole number of communicants 598, against 523 last year. The contributions show also a small increase, notwithstanding the severe times, both of the pastors having received a better support than the previous year, the amount given by the people being larger than ever before. The most of the baptisms took place at Wandiwash and at Muttur and Muttathur, where congregations have recently been organized. While grateful for this numerical increase, yet too much reliance must not be placed upon mere figures. It is well known that the motives which induce many of the people to declare themselves Christians are not always sincere, and disappointment in not obtaining the temporal help they expected, often results in their returning to heathenism. It is, however, but fair to say that catechumens are received only after careful enquiry, and that baptism does not take place until one or two or three years of regular instruction. The fact that there is a steady increase year after year shows that the change of religion is not merely nominal, and that Christianity has a stronger hold on many of the people than we often admit.

RANIPETTAI, BY REV. L. R. SCUDDER.

Gain in Giving. The two churches of this field show a gain over last year in all particulars. Twelve were received into the churches on confession of their faith, sixty were baptized, twenty-two of whom were adults, while ninety-six were received from heathenism. The gain under this last head is largely due to one village which had formerly relapsed into heathenism being restored to the list, as several new families there have covenanted to become Christians. A teacher has not yet been provided. The neighboring catechist is instructing them. But what encourages me more than all else is a gain in contributions in this year of distress and famine. Before adding up the accounts I felt sure the village contributions would be much less this year. To my surprise I found a slight gain. The regular contributions in both churches show a slight increase, being Rs. 30 8-10 larger than ever contributed before. This shows faithful work on the part of the helpers and a growing sense of responsibility on the part of the people. The Mission has this year con-

tributed but Rs. 33-6-6 toward the support of the native pastor in this field—that is, less than three rupees a month. This I consider one of the most encouraging features in this report.

VELLORE, BY REV. W. I. CHAMBERLAIN.

The death of the Pastor of the Vellore Church having been referred to at such length, not much remains by way of comment on the present condition of this Church.

While the Church is probably stronger now than ever before in the number of communicants, and in the size of its congregation, there is an apparent diminution in the former owing to the removal of the names of many who have, in the past, been members of this Church and congregation, but who have been so long absent that it was thought best not to continue their names on the rolls of membership. The names of no less than fifty have thus been removed from the number of communicants and baptized non-communicants, and the number of families has been reduced by eleven. Notwithstanding these diminutions, the total congregation remains larger than last year, and the amount contributed by the people has increased rather than diminished. It is gratifying to be able to report this growth in the important item of self-support which has been attained in the absence of a native pastor, and the impulse afforded by the responsibility of his support.

Steps are now being taken to call a pastor, and it is hoped that this central and largest single church in the Classis of Arcot, will soon have a worthy successor to him who served the church and Classis so long and efficiently.

KATPADI.

The Pastor, Rev. E. Tavamani, has faithfully cared for his flock, and his interest in his work has grown in depth and in genuine spiritual power. He has carried with him the sympathy and co-operation of the catechists associated with him, and there is a general progress in Christian experience manifest among them all. The people of one new village in this circle have taken upon themselves the obligations of Christian living during the year, but the village does not appear in the tables.

KOTTAPALLE.

Waste Place Revived. I have visited the group of the villages connected with the Kottapalle Church more often than any other during the year, and have felt a deep interest in the work carried on by the Pastor, Rev. B. Thomas, and his associates. These villages have proven a decidedly unfruitful and unpromising field of labor in the past. It was hoped that with the leadership of a Pastor their condition would improve. The expectation is being realized. The results of his labors are evident in that a new village has been added to the group, and that the church has grown materially in the number of families, communicants, baptized non-communicants and Sunday school scholars, and very

perceptibly in the number of adherents, the total congregation, and in the amount of contributions, which last shows an increase of nearly fifty per cent.—a very gratifying fact when it is remembered that there has been famine scarcity in the district, which has been more severe in this group of villages than any other connected with this station ; and when it is also known that other misfortunes have befallen this Church during the year. In May a sudden burst of rain resulted in the falling of the entire roof of the Bom-masamudram Church. The people have since worshipped in the little school room attached to the Pastor's house, and hope to be able in time to assist in the erection of a more substantial Church than that which was destroyed. On a windy day in September a fire broke out very suddenly and violently in Kottapalle, and was not stayed until forty houses, including the Church and the dwelling of the catechist, were entirely destroyed. Notwithstanding these visitations by fire and water, in this time of great scarcity, the Church has made progress in every item that can be tabulated, and in others recorded in heaven, we believe. The pastor should feel encouraged with these very evident signs of a Divine blessing upon his work.

ARNI, BY REV. E. C. SCUDDER.

The tide of spirituality seems to have ebbed, most *Spiritual Low-tide.* of all in the Gnanodyam group. Let us devotedly hope that it is now "neap" that it can get no lower, and that from this time on it will begin to run "flood." The people in these villages have had more done for them temporally than almost any in the whole Mission. And I believe it may be said without fear of contradiction that they are the very worst specimens of the "genus Christians" to be found in the Mission. It seems as though the statements in Malachi "Ye are cursed with a curse for ye have robbed me," is especially true in regard to them.

The other villages have either stood still (if that is possible) or really improved. Vellambi has done much better than last year. Possibly some of this is due to a "punishment" administered last March. The Mission having passed on order that hereafter no communion supplies would be allowed from Mission funds, the people were told that they must buy their own bread and wine, it being shown them that the expense would be very light if they would buy raisins and make the wine;—as a matter of fact only two and a half as. would be needed. They, however, scouted the idea of paying for such (or any !) thing, the Mission had always done it and always should ! The communion service was therefore omitted with a slight comment on the duty and privilege in the matter. As a result, in July, at my next visit the two and a half as. was ready gathered and have been since.

Maruthuvambodi has increased in zeal, good works and members. Devanampet, a village which promised well two years ago has entirely failed. The helper has been removed and the build must be taken down. It is possible that leaving the people thus will bring them to their senses after a while. To offset this loss several families in the village of Mázâr just beyond have come to Christianity, though their names have not as yet been enrolled. Still further west a number of people in Melpinji have decided to come. These

were influenced by the appearance and conduct of two families of Maruthuvambodi Christians, who went there to live early in the year.

Periapalliam is about the same as last year. The people have not as yet been baptized, but probably will be at my next visit. The land scheme in this village is working fairly well. Some three years ago I began trying to get some land from Government for these people. The land is good. Many wanted it. It was too good for "Pariahs." Opposition to its being given was fierce, and bitter persecution of the Pariahs was begun and carried on. Government, however, finally gave the five and one-half acres of land at Rs. 100 per acre, and has the consented to wait ten years, if necessary, for payment. The land was divided into eleven parts and given to the people irrespective of creed and they were told that they must pay all taxes and a rent of five per cent. on the price of the land. This last item was reduced to three per cent. for the first year owing to the land having to be levelled and cleared. The people raised crops estimated (their own estimate which I think is from twenty-five per cent. to fifty per cent. too low) at about Rs. 200. From this they paid about Rs. 38 taxes and rent, leaving them more than Rs. 160 better off than they used to be.

*An Active
Church.*

The Arni church has done well. A special feature of the work of the year has been the formation of a church committee consisting of all the members of the church, though only the "brethren" are "evident" in the meetings, whose business, as the name implies, is to look after the interests of the church. As a church we are not in the least opposed to, in fact heartily approve of, the great organizations such as the Y. M. C. A., Y. P. S. C. E. and others; but as a matter of fact, we have not felt the need of establishing branches here. If all the work and the same kind of work can be done "In His Name" without any other society than the church of Christ, it appears to us better not to multiply societies which might, and sometimes do, take the place, in the thoughts, of the great central society the Church and its Master Christ. Thus far the Christians at Arni have gone into all kinds of church work heartily, without these outside helps. Last January the congregation were told that the Mission would no longer supply bread and wine for communion nor a "peon" or "sexton" to care for the church, and they were asked what they were going to do about it. An immediate and hearty interest developed into a meeting of the members, without the aid or presence of the Missionary, who is also the pastor; and at that meeting it was decided that the families of the church should, turn and turn about, take entire care of the church property, and furthermore that each family should in addition to alms usually and previously given, contribute to this special church fund not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ anna on every rupee of total income of the family. This fund was to be used for communion supplies, church decoration and improvement, and if possible, all repairs, to the building. The result has been increased interest in all church work, a church building cleaner and brighter than it has been for the last fourteen years, and an accumulation in the Fund of more than Rs. 60 to be sent in repairing mats, windows, &c., as well as in beautifying the walls and adding some needed furniture. The

women have not been backward with their contributions, and have given more than Rs. 30 for the woman's branch of the Gospel Extension Society.

The three weekly meetings—one for men only on Tuesday evenings, the general meeting held in Sevrur Wednesdays, and the women's meeting on Thursdays, are well attended and interesting. Five Sunday Schools are regularly kept up, the average attendance for the year being 371 pupils. The teaching in these schools is entirely voluntary, *i. e.*, the Mission employees are not required to do this as a part of their regular work, and they, together with a number of the Industrial school boys, and many of the women of the congregation, take an eager interest in this most interesting and important branch of the work. The workers' Training class held immediately after church service on Sunday morning has done much to aid in systematic and practical teaching.

CHITTOOR, BY REV. J. A. BEATTIE.

*Improved
Spirit.*

In the congregational work of this year there has been marked improvement. The progress has been numerical, spiritual and financial, and the general attendance at all services has improved on last year. This is due to improved organization, a greater *esprit de corps* among the people, and much faithful work done by the Pastor and elders and other agents. Above all there has been much prayer, partly drawn forth by the presence of cholera and famine, and the nearness of plague. The number of families belonging to the congregation is 107 as opposed to seventy-two last year. The twenty-two children baptized are another witness to the internal growth of the Christian community. The people seem to have a better idea of what baptism means and dedicate their children to God earlier than they used to do. But the largest increase of the year has been among the unbaptized adherents. Seventy-four adults and sixty-six children have been added, making a total of 190 unbaptized adherents as compared with fifty last year.

In the congregational life in town and villages various cases of backsliding and insubordination have occurred, but in each case the parties concerned were immediately visited, and in all cases except one, the wise and prayerful councils of the elders and helpers prevailed. One member only has been suspended during the year.

The larger liberality of the congregation enabled the consistory in April last to express their appreciation of their Pastor's services by increasing his salary two rupees per month, and, notwithstanding the increased expenditures of the congregation due to the action of the Mission that all congregations should henceforth pay their own incidental expenses, the financial year ends with balances in three treasuries. At present the wheels of the working machinery of the church are in good order, and the whole is running smoothly. Much house to house visitation has been done and many prayer meetings have been held by the Pastor and office-bearers, and we may probably say with truth, that the Pastor, Rev. John Yesuratnam, has never spent a busier year. Besides the ordinary work of the congregation, he has been

away in pastoral visits to distant villages, deputation work and touring, for upwards of four months of the year, and during his absence the pulpit has been ably filled by Mr. J. C. Packianadan, the Head Master of the Training school, whose combination of preaching ability, organizing faculty, general usefulness and great capacity for work, makes him a valuable possession of any station.

All things considered, the position of the Christian church in the community has been maintained and advanced, and all the successes and reverses of the year have contributed to the further fitness of the force for more aggressive work in the future. And for all developments and progress reported, we render praise and thanksgiving to Him in whose hands men are but instruments.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES.

Arcot.

The visit in February of Dr. F. E. Clarke in the interests of Christian Endeavor proved an event of great interest.

All the endeavorers of the field met at Yehamur to give him a welcome and a true village demonstration. The existing societies were stimulated and a new village society started at Silambu. But the great stimulus came through the delegates sent to the Madura convention. They returned fired with new zeal, and determined to work much more enthusiastically for Christian Endeavor. Their enthusiasm proved contagious. It was decided to start a number of new village societies at once, and to hold a convention at the next monthly meeting in November. As a result of these efforts a number of new societies were established and represented at the convention, which was a great success. It was decided at this convention to appoint an organizing committee to visit all the villages of this field, and as far as possible, organize Christian Endeavor Societies. With careful oversight and guiding these societies will we hope, become a power for good. We are working to give the convention of 1898 a hearty welcome to our Mission and to help win the banner for India next year.

Tindivanam.

At the station, the Christian Endeavor has proved a source of help to the church members, though I am sorry to report that this year, in spite of this excellent society, and notwithstanding the intelligence of its members, a number of them have been at variance with one another and have exhibited a spirit unbecoming Christians possessed of such high privileges. The year closes however with peace in the camp, and the day of Prayer for the Awakening of India was observed with no small degree of earnestness. The meetings of the society have been well attended and the interest well sustained. The fifth anniversary of the organization took place on December 15, when representatives of the Ranipettai, Chittoor, and Narasinganoor societies, were present. The Branch society at Narasinganoor still exists and is exerting a good influence in a quiet way. A committee has been appointed to consider the advisability of organizing societies in other villages.

Chittoor. In recording the working of the congregation for the year, the Y. P. S. C. E., must not be forgotten. It has met regularly on Tuesdays throughout the year and chronicles an event of great interest, the visit of Dr. F. E. Clarke, the founder of the society, and Mr. Burgess, the General Secretary of the Sunday School Union. The addresses of both brethren were much appreciated, and the station retains a picture of Dr. Clarke looking down on the people of the town from the tower of the Y. P. S. C. E. Church, which aims to minister to them.

Deputations from the society have gone forth to the anniversaries of other Y. P. S. C. E. societies in Madanapalle, Madura, Ranipattai and Tindivanam, and have returned each time with stimulating truth to tell. The monthly helpers' meeting has been amalgamated with this society. Branch societies have been opened in several villages and good results are expected from their establishment. It is intended to push forward this society as a means of developing the spiritual life of the members, and bringing into existence bands of voluntary workers.

In itinerating we have found that villages have received their first impressions of Christianity from Christian relatives in other distant villages, and we have seen what one or two men possessing the barest elements of Christianity can do in trying to induce others to become Christians. We believe that these men can be made more effective workers, and many more can be raised up, if trained in the Christian Endeavor Society. The keeping of the pledge means participation in the meetings. This means previous reading, meditation and prayer, and the members who do this are on the way to spiritual development and religious activity. In connection with the work of this society, and the development of the spiritual life of the station, the scheme of lessons of I. B. R. A. are to be put in the hands of every Christian who can read. The daily lesson is to be read, pondered and prayed over, in town and village, and to secure a more faithful use of the lessons, quarterly, informal oral examinations will be held on the work done throughout the field.

Vellore. Upon the return of our delegates from the South India Christian Endeavor Convention, held at Madura in September, a report was made at the monthly helpers' meeting. This resulted in the appointment of a committee which visited the various churches, and established a Christian Endeavor Society in each. There are now five societies within our bounds, and while it is too early to report upon their working and usefulness, they can hardly fail to be a strength to the churches to which they are attached, as the Young Men's Christian Association in Vellore continues to be an element of strength to the church in the station.

Madanapalle. 1896 witnessed the organization of a Senior Christian Endeavor Society. 1897 witnessed the organization of a Junior Christian Endeavor Society. Miss Thayamony Royal and Mrs. Shanta J. Souri as representatives of the Y. P. S. C.

E., undertook the formation and direction of the society, and it has had a helpful influence on the children of the local congregation. They have contributed Rs. 3 out of their earnings and savings for Christian work. The Y. P. S. C. E. continues its good work. Monthly dues have been instituted, and Rs. 10 thus raised. These sums have gone toward decorating the church, sending delegates to the First Provincial Union Meeting at Madura, and to other conventions.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society has aroused such interest in two village congregations by its meetings there, that several have asked to be accepted as members. At Bodikayalapalle five were elected associate members, and at Obulreddepalle three are to be associate members.

GOSPEL EXTENSION SOCIETY.

It was found impossible to secure either house or land for the agents of this society at Karvetinagar, and as on many accounts Pallipet seemed a better centre of work, we have tried to secure a foothold there. But it was only a short time ago after much effort that we were able to secure a piece of land there for Rs. 150. As this sum far exceeded the allowance of the society, we were compelled to look for funds elsewhere. A private subscription for Rs. 50 was secured, and the consistory of the Arcot church voted Rs. 100 from the church funds for this object. Hence the land was secured practically without cost to the society. As to a building it was thought best not to put up a thatched one that could be burned down very easily, but to try to secure sufficient funds to put up a tiled house. In the meantime the agents have lived at Ranipettai and gone out into the Pallipet region as often as possible. But the work at best has been much interrupted by the distance from the headquarters. My helpers have contributed liberally toward the society, but we have accomplished practically nothing in securing subscriptions from the village congregations.

On the east of Tindivanam the Gospel Extension Society's agent has labored, though not with the zeal that I had hoped. His headquarters are at Marcanam, but we hope soon to erect him a house in a more central locality.

MANGALA VASANAM.

Of this paper, (published monthly) the Editor, Rev. J. H. Wyckoff writes :—

“The Mangala Vasanam has now been in existence for more than a year, and supplies, we think, a long-felt want amongst us. Its object is not to interfere with the excellent periodicals already in circulation, but to serve as a medium whereby the Christians of our Mission may be brought into touch with one another, and made to feel that they have a part to fulfill in the world's redemption. Separated by long distances from one another, and residing in remote parts of the district, many of our people are ignorant of what is transpiring even within our own bounds. Correspondents at the various stations furnish items of local interest, and important news from

foreign countries is also recorded. Our readers are thus kept acquainted with the march of events in their own land as well as in the world at large. Leading articles adapted to stir thought and quicken zeal likewise find a place in the paper, while communications from friends on subjects of special interest always find a welcome.

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NORTH JAPAN MISSION.

Organized in 1859.

Missionaries.—Rev.'s Guido F. Verbeck, D.D.,* *Tokyo*; James H. Ballagh, *Yokohama*; E. Rothesay Miller, *Morioka*; Eugene S. Booth, *Yokohama*; Howard Harris, *Tokyo*; Frank S. Scudder, *Nagano*; Prof. Martin N. Wyckoff, Sc.D., *Tokyo*.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Verbeck, Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Wyckoff, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Scudder, Mrs. Jennie D. Schenck, Miss M. Leila Winn, Miss Anna de F. Thompson, Miss Mary Deyo, Miss Julia Moulton, Miss Mary E. Brokaw.

REPORT FOR 1897.

Encouraging Retrospect. The Church of Christ in Japan has celebrated the twenty-fifth year of its organization; and the long backward look, which such an anniversary suggests, brings with it much encouragement. Much has been done in those twenty-five years and the Kingdom of Christ in Japan has greatly advanced; so that in looking at the large results which, in the aggregate, have been accomplished, the difficulties and discouragements which always beset the individual worker fade into insignificance and we thank God and take courage.

Political Changes. The work of our Mission during 1897 has been carried on steadily and in the usual manner. The political unrest which culminated in the dissolution of the Parliament and the resignation of the Cabinet has not affected, in any marked way, the work of the missionaries nor the attitude of the people toward Christianity. Our hope now is that the new Minister of Education may introduce into his department that neutrality towards all religions which the constitution provides for, but which has hitherto been markedly violated by the Normal Schools and most of the public school teachers. These latter openly try to prejudice their pupils against Christianity and oppose their attending Christian gatherings.

Higher Prices. The introduction of a gold standard currency and the obtaining of a foreign loan seem to have increased the prosperity of the country, if high prices are an indication of prosperity. This affects mission work, for, the prices of all commodities and of labor having greatly increased, the purchasing power of an American dollar, albeit it is worth two of the present yen, is much less than it was three or four years ago; and while the rate of exchange is now fixed

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prices are still rising. This condition of affairs presses hard upon all salaried workers. The native pastors are, with reason, urging upon the mission their need of an increase of salary, but the reduced appropriations made necessary by the Board's lack of funds, make the granting of these requests impossible unless some workers are dismissed that their salaries may be divided among the rest.

*Looking to
Self-Support.*

The question of how to lead the native church to self-support has attracted more general attention this year than ever before, and more action has been taken in the matter. It was the prominent question discussed at the Council of the United Missions held at Karuizawa this summer and the sentiment that self-support must be pressed upon the people was nearly unanimous; though opinions as to methods differed somewhat. The following measures finally were recommended: That churches organized hereafter should not receive any financial aid; that those churches at present receiving aid be labored and prayed with to the end that they become self-supporting within two years; that in all new work and, as far as possible, in existing work no rent or incidental expenses of the meeting places of the Christians be paid, and that by grouping the Christians into circuits and employing fewer workers, work be made self-supporting from the start.

*Obstacles
to Self Support.*

Some attempts have been made to put these recommendations into practice. Obstacles in the way are: The attitude of the native churches that the Mission "owes them a living"; the idea held by many Christians that they have conferred a favor on the Mission or on some one by becoming Christians and so are entitled to be beneficiaries not only in spiritual matters but in temporal; the great ignorance of and total indifference to the Old Testament and the teachings of the Bible on the duty of giving; a complete unconsciousness of any responsibility on their part to give the gospel to those around them; and, in some rare cases, the inability of the Christians to give.

That the Missions have to bear nearly all the expenses is by no means the saddest result of this state of things. As the opportunity for public worship and hearing the gospel costs them nothing, they do not prize it; and when neither giving, public worship, testimony nor Sabbath keeping is recognized as a duty the Christian life seems to die and, as far as human vision can discern, there is no difference between many nominal church members and their heathen neighbors. There is need of more frequent presentation of the doctrine that "faith without works is dead."

*Need of
Bible Study.*

As a larger proportion than formerly of the members of the United Missions are engaged in evangelistic work, they are discovering more and more the sad ignorance of, and indifference to the Bible on the part of a majority of the church members, and many of the pastors and workers. This has brought about a wider realization of the necessity for more thorough and

extensive Bible teaching and a more general emphasizing of the importance of Bible study to the Christian life. The council gave expression to this in a recommendation that the several Missions take such steps as they may deem practicable to emphasize the Department of Bible Study in their Theological instruction and to consider the expanding or establishing of Bible schools for teaching the Bible itself and inculcating methods of using it throughout the field.

The step suggested by our Mission a year ago, and which was in the summer approved and authorized by the Board, of superseding the discontinued Academic Department of the Ferris Seminary by a "Department for Special Bible Training" is along the line of this suggestion. And so also is the devoting of Mr. Miller's time to the preparation of a weekly magazine for Sunday school teachers on the plan of the Sunday School Times.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

MEIJI GAKUIN.

Dr. Imbrie of the Presbyterian Mission, secretary of the institution reports:

Theological Department.

While changes have taken place in the teaching force, the work of the school has gone on without interruption, and without any change worthy of special notice. The students have been orderly and diligent. At the commencement in the spring twelve students graduated. Nine of these are now engaged in evangelistic work. Of the remaining three—one is teaching, one is a clerk in a bank, and one has employment in a newspaper office. This was not a matter of choice but of necessity. They were unable to obtain work in connection with either the church or the missions.

The number of students now in the school is fifteen. Three seniors, five middlers, three juniors, and four specials. Five of these are new students. So far as can be ascertained, there are three reasons for the small number of students at present in attendance: (1.) The additions to the churches during recent years have been few in comparison with formerly; and particularly is this true in the case of young men. (2.) The openings for business of various kinds are many and attractive. (3.) The uncertainty of employment in evangelistic work after graduation. This fear has been confirmed by the experience of the last class; and the recommendation of the Council last summer to employ fewer workers than hitherto is likely to confirm it still further. In the opinion of Mr. Uemura it is a fair question whether, under the circumstances, it may not be wise, for a time at least, to discontinue the school. Whether he is correct in that view of the case time will show. If it should prove true that graduates cannot find employment in connection with either the church or the missions, young men will not be justified in spending three years in the school, and the missions will not be justified in maintaining it. But this is another of the many problems to think and pray over.

The Secretary, Mr. Harris reports:

*Academic
Department.*

While, during the past year, we have not reached the goal for which we are striving, we have made some advance, there has no backward step been taken. Eighty-two students were enrolled during the year, an increase of fifteen over last year. The present number of pupils is fifty-eight, of whom thirty-one are Christians. Eight of the students were baptized during the year. The attendance of the students upon class-room exercises has been exceptionally good. At the end of the Spring term, four young men graduated from the regular course, and six from the A. and B. classes. Since the first of April the A. and B. classes have been discontinued. At the beginning of the Fall term, three of our best students left us, one to enter the Aoyama Gakuin and the others the Azabu school. These schools are under the Tokyo Fu, and students graduating from them may enter the higher schools.

The daily Bible class exercises and the meetings for prayer, held weekly, have been well attended. Most of the Christian pupils have work in connection with Sunday-schools. In September, Mr. S. Kato and a few other friends of the late Prof. Ishimoto, raised a fund which they settled upon a scholarship, known as the Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship. Three young men are now receiving support from this fund. Dr. J. M. McCauley, (of the Presbyterian Mission), who gave many years of faithful service in connection with this department, died in February, 1897.

FERRIS SEMINARY.

The total number of scholars for the year was fifty-six, of whom nineteen were Christians, and one was baptized during the year. The number of assisted pupils was fourteen.

*General
Condition.*

Miss Thompson reports as follows: The year 1897 opened with the usual number of pupils. All returned to work promptly, after the Christmas holidays, in good spirits. The prospect of changes in the school, which it was reported would be made, occasioned anxious inquiry from the members of the "A" Class. The reply was, that they should do the work immediately before them that they might be prepared for whatever was decided upon for the special course. It was then possible to quiet the fears prevailing but by the end of the school year in April it seemed as if all would leave. Owing to the temporary discontinuance of the Academic Department, the graduates of the Grammar Department wished to go elsewhere, for work or for further study, as the case might be. It was only by the greatest persuasion that we succeeded in keeping any of the graduates in the school, after Commencement. But when the definite news of Mr. and Mrs. Booth's return had become known, both teachers and pupils, with the prospect of help to come soon, were ready for any amount of work. All went on well until vacation, the girls having taken the usual academic studies for the term. We felt sure better work and wider usefulness for the school could be depended upon, when the new term opened.

We were glad, on September 5th, to welcome again to Japan, our Principal and his little party. A formal meeting of welcome was postponed, until all the pupils had returned. On the day we were finally called together by our Japanese friends, it was very pleasant to see the familiar faces of many old pupils, no less bright on that occasion than were those of our own number.

We have faithfully endeavored to apply the conditions prescribed by the Board, upon the success or failure of which the character of the school, and its future condition will be made manifest.

*Music
Department.*

Miss Moulton reports, as follows: The music pupils number twenty-six. Nineteen of these are organ, and seven piano pupils.

Since last September, all the organ pupils, except the advanced ones, have been placed under the tuition of Japanese teachers, trained in Ferris Seminary. They have also charge of the vocal classes, with the exception of the highest. All, of course, are under my supervision. In addition to these, I have the "B" class every morning in the study of the Bible, and also in English reading.

Once a week I have the "C" class in composition.

The school began its second term on the 14th of September with between fifty and sixty pupils. Mr. Booth was given the English work in the "A" class, and fifteen hours per week in Special Bible-training Course. This course, by the direction of the mission and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, has superseded the Academic course, which was discontinued on Mr. Booth's return to America in 1896.

Three pupils, two of whom were of the graduates from the Grammar Department, Class of '97; the other was a graduate of a former class. For one month they pursued the studies selected for the Special Course; and it was gratifying to see the interest awakened in them.

In the hope that the aim of the school should be made apparent to all, the work of reorganization was proceeded with immediately upon Mr. Booth's return. The steps taken were as follows: the inauguration of a special course for Bible training; the placing of most of the musical instruction in the hands of the Japanese teachers, under Miss Moulton's supervision; and the appointment by the mission on the 16th of October, of a committee to have the charge and direction of the assisted pupils, and to supervise the studies in the above mentioned course.

A typhoon occurred in September, demolishing the wind mill and causing other damage to property, and an earthquake, following two days later, necessitated more than ordinary repairs, all of which have come within the appropriations.

We certainly have great need of your prayers. We ought, first, last and always, to remember that we are dealing with the Japanese, in the relationship of God's ambassadors to them, and should, therefore, become all things to all men in order to win some for Christ. A spirit which, we fear, is sometimes hidden to view by our own prejudices and ideals of what the Japanese ought to be and to do.

Nevertheless, man's extremity is often God's opportunity, hence we will take courage and go forward, trusting in Him who "has all power in heaven and earth."

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The most prominent event of the year in this department is the addition to our working force of the new missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Scudder and Mrs. Schenck. This long desired and much needed re-inforcement is a cause of much gratitude, and has given new courage and new hope to all the evangelistic workers, native as well as foreign.

Mr. Ballagh reports:

The Evangelistic work of the North Japan Mission embraces, as heretofore, seven Provinces and the City of Tokyo, all in the Eastern and Northern part of Hondo, or the Main Island, Nippon. There are two churches receiving aid from the Mission, and fourteen stations. The two churches have received about one-half to two-thirds support of the pastor or evangelist. The fourteen preaching places receive entire support of the evangelists or preachers and ten of the places, part payment for rent of preaching place. Four of the latter start out with the New Year, paying all expenses except preacher's salary and house rent. This is one of the hopeful events of the year, whether owing to the agitation in the General Synod of the Church, or the action of the Council of Missions looking towards self-support on the part of the native churches, it may not be easy to say, but the necessity is being recognized and efforts are beginning to be put forth looking towards its speedy accomplishment.

Spiritual Quickening.

Another marked feature of the year running quite parallel with the efforts at self-support has been a gracious quickening of the workers and members in spiritual duties and graces. This was especially marked at the meeting of Evangelists, held at Matimoto in October last. As neither Dr. Verbeck nor Mr. Ballagh could be present, very special prayer was made for the native brethren, three ordained, and four unordained evangelists being present. Rev. A. Inagaki, who made two extended visits to the Shin-Shiu field, was able to be present, and contributed much to the spirituality of the Conference, and to two of the stations in particular subsequently. A feature of the work in all the cases was early morning prayer-meetings, this was an out-growth and a fruit of the early morning prayer-meeting held by Rev. Inagaki and a few other pastors and workers at Yokohama daily throughout the year 1897, and is now extending into 1898. The old proverb, "*To pray well is to study well,*" may, with greatest propriety be rendered, "*To pray well is to evangelize well.*" The very marked spirit of unity in the present week of prayer, and of sincerity showing itself in repentance for sin, especially that of Sabbath desecration, and a marked reformation in this important subject is a further proof that appeals unto the hearer of prayer have not been in vain.

*Lessons of the
Quarter-Centennial.*

The Quarter-Centennial observance of the first organization of the Church of Christ, in Japan, has served to emphasize the need and worth of prayer, and of missionary zeal and effort for the speedy conversion of the entire Empire, not overlooking its more recently acquired possession and very needy portion, contiguous to China, and its many residents in Korea. Never has there been a time so favorable for spreading a knowledge of Christianity, or one more needy in all the Far East. China, Korea, Japan, each equally needy, each equally and very providentially prepared for receiving the Gospel as it is in reality, *Good-news* for time and for eternity, for this world and for the next.

Dr. Verbeck reports :

The first day of the year found me at Kamakura, a sea-side village within easy reach of Yokohama, where a number of pastors and evangelists had invited me and others to spend the two last days of the old year in concert of prayer for the divine blessing upon the work of the coming year, as well as for mutual edification.

In January and February, being the most inclement months in the year, I seldom dare venture out on country tours.

On March 26 I started for Kobe, to preach and to deliver a baccalaureate sermon at the Kwansei Gakuin, the theological school of the Southern Methodist Mission. Owing to coincidence of dates, I had to decline a request for similar service in the theological school of the Protestant Methodist Mission at Nagoya.

*Work Among
Soldiers.*

But reaching Nagoya on April 1, on my return from Kobe, I remained in that city a week and a day to do some special work, at the request of Miss Wimbish, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission. There is stationed at Nagoya an unusually numerous garrison, and Miss Wimbish, with two Japanese assistants, has been doing a great work among its soldiers and subaltern officers. It was in this work that she wished for my services. The daily or nightly meetings were held in the spacious church of the Church of Christ in Japan, which was filled to overflowing at every meeting. At the close of each meeting a call for volunteer inquirers was made, with the result that at the end of the week's meetings twenty-six new inquirers had been enrolled.

On April 23 I went to Ueda, at the invitation of Miss Brokaw and Miss Deyo, and preached there every night but one during nineteen days. Twice I made the round of the eight or nine working stations of these ladies, again visiting, among others, Sakaki, Shinonoi and Komoro. The audiences, consisting mostly of farmers and their families, were generally well behaved and attentive.

*Successful Visit to
Hokkaido.*

On May 19 I set out for Hakodate, situated at the southern extremity of the northermost island, Yezo.

I had been urgently invited to Hokodate by Mrs. Draper (the mother of the Rev. Mr. Draper, the local missionary there of the Methodist Episcopal Mission) to do a week's hard work in that interest-

ing city. The Rev. Kuribara, the pastor of the Church of Christ in that city, had joined in the invitation, but Mrs. Draper kindly defrayed all my expenses.

I reached Hakodate on May 21 at 6 o'clock in the morning, and our anchor had barely been cast, when a delegation of a dozen Christians came off in a boat to welcome me and take me ashore. On the landing about a dozen more Christian men and women stood awaiting my arrival.

In the evening of this first day a largely attended consecration meeting was held, at which the Rev. P. K. Fyson, Bishop of the Church of England, kindly assisted. And thenceforward we had a most remarkable series of daily meetings, most of them in churches, a few in a theater and one in the city hall. This latter meeting, at which 800 people assembled, was of a promiscuous kind, and if at this particular meeting no direct fruits were gathered in, it at least helped to break the ice and showed that the best classes of people in the town were neither afraid nor ashamed to come to listen to a missionary's talk. More than once I was told by local friends that, considering the nature of the meeting and the number and class of people assembled, there never had been such a gathering at Hakodate.

At the close of all the other meetings, a public call for voluntary inquirers and Bible students was made, so that at the end of the series twenty had themselves enrolled; and after my return to Tokyo, the Methodist pastor, the Rev. Aibara, wrote me that this number had been nearly doubled since my departure. The Lord be praised!

On May 31, the last meeting was held in the afternoon, and that same night at nine o'clock I went on board the steamer bound for Aomori. On June 4, I reached my home in Tokyo, after an absence of seventeen days.

So far I had been out to work in different parts of the field sixty-five days, preaching almost daily. This made exactly one-half of the whole number of days I had been out last year, and I had high hopes that I should, under a kind providence, be able to go far beyond that number of days (130) this year; for it was now but the fourth of June.

But I regret to say, this was not to be so. From a little before the Council Meeting at Karuizawa, in July, my health began seriously to fail, so that I was more or less incapacitated for anything like arduous labor during the rest of the year.

Fortunately, my ailments were of such a nature as to allow of my doing various kinds of useful work at my home as well as in the city and its vicinity. So I was able to do something in the way of preaching from time to time in the city churches and at Yokohama. I lectured a few times in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. I was able to do some literary work as a member of the Permanent Bible Committee and of the Hymnbook Revision Committee. But, on the whole, I was unable to do more than half a man's work (perhaps not quite even that) during the latter half of the year.

In conclusion I can only say that I am deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father that I live and that my health promises improvement; and I most sincerely thank Him for grace to be able at all times to feel and say: "Not my will, but Thine, be done!"

Rev. E. R. Miller reports:

My whole strength during the year has been given to *Scripture Lessons*. the issuing of the "Scripture Lessons" ("Seikei Kwatei"), a weekly Sunday-school Magazine of about twenty pages. The lessons from January to July were on the International Sunday-school Lessons of the Gospel of Luke; and from July have been on those of the Acts and of the Epistles. Up to July, the issue was 300 copies, but since that date the number has been raised to 500, the Council of the United Missions being responsible for any deficit that may be incurred in the publishing of the magazine.

The lessons are based almost altogether on the Sunday School Times, and it was, indeed, for the purpose of securing the help of this valuable paper that the issue was made later than the International Lessons.

Throughout the year I have had associated with me in this work the Rev. Mr. Toru Miura, whose skill as a writer has contributed much to the success of the magazine. Since, however, both Mr. Miura and myself have been so busy in the issue of these lessons, we have been unable to do any pastoral work, outside of the regular church services, which have been carried on by us co-jointly. The attendance at these services has suffered in consequence, and though we have been anxious to secure a good man to do church work, thus far we have been unsuccessful, possibly because we have been so careful in the selection. Another reason for the diminished numbers at the services is that more Christians have moved away from the town, without others coming in to fill their places.

Prison Work. The prison work is still carried on by Mr. Miura, although the prison authorities have refused to let me resume it, since my return from America. They have not, however, hindered Mr. Miura's preaching there every Sunday afternoon, to all who wish to attend the services. The great difficulty has been that he has had no opportunity to follow up his preaching, not being permitted to speak to the prisoners in private, unless for some special reason. In spite of this there has been quite a number of cases where men have been permanently impressed by the truths they heard while in prison, and some who have led changed lives after leaving its walls; although, on the other hand, we are sorry to say that some have gone back to their old ways, after they seemed to be freed from them. One of the most hopeful cases was of a man who was imprisoned for life, but whose sentence was commuted on the death of the Empress Dowager, so that he was released, and then went to the farm of the Orphan Asylum under the management of the Rev. Taketaro Hayashi, in the Hokkaido, and there became a Christian, together with his wife.

There has been much more interest taken lately by officials in the conduct of prisons and prisoners, on account of the time approaching when foreigners will, through the removal of extra-territoriality, come under the Japanese prison regulations. It is to be hoped that there will be a radical change in the prisons, or that no foreigner will have to undergo a confine-

ment which, however, it may seem to the Japanese, would be almost unendurable to those whose surroundings had always been so different.

There have been no baptisms during the year either in Morioka or Ichinoseki, though there are candidates for the rite in both places. as well as in Aomori, at which latter place there has been considerable interest since the coming of Mr. Nagayama, a graduate of the Meiji Gakuin, whose wife was a worker in Takata, on the West coast. They have taken the place of Mr. Maki, who was obliged to leave Aomori on account of his wife's health, and who is now living in Komoro, in Shinshu.

Mr. and Mrs. Sato are still working in Ichinoseki, and hope, with the establishment of the Middle School there during the year, to accomplish more work among the student class. Mr. Sato has some English students even now, to whom he teaches the Bible.

Mrs. Miller's Report. I had great hope when we employed a Bible woman that she would be able to visit among the people and bring them within the sound of the gospel. She has visited, but the results of her visits are not apparent to us; they may be however on high, which is the more important matter. As soon as we get a man for pastoral work we expect to dispense with a Bible woman.

Periodicals. The two religious semi-monthlies under my care have done quite as well as in 1896, perhaps a little better, but the sales are largely among the missionaries of the different societies. Although there is a long list of Japanese subscribers the income from that source amounts to but little. I hope however the papers are doing good for I am told that they are eagerly received and read.

Sunday School. I have been especially interested in the Sunday school, believing as I do that the hope for Japan lies in the children. Our school has been fairly well attended, the average for the year being fifty-six and a half. The school repeats the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, and the Ten Commandments every Sunday. Many of the older children have committed to memory the whole of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, and the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, and are now learning the Epistle of James. The regular instruction follows the international lessons as prepared by Mr. Miller and Mr. Miura.

Throughout the year I have given instruction in English to classes of boys from the Middle school here, one hour each four days in a week. While I try to instruct them faithfully my only object is to gain an influence over them.

Women's Meetings. The attendance of women at the services and the special weekly meeting for women has been less than any previous year. Formerly the attendance ranged from fifteen to twenty at their weekly meetings, now it is from seven to ten. Very few attend besides the Christians. No women have been added to the

church during the year and several have removed to other places. We can only pray to the Lord of the harvest.

AOMORI.

Miss Winn's Report. The work at Aomori has of late seemed more hopeful. We have had no great increase of converts, but the Christians seem more awake to their duties and responsibilities. The meetings have been better attended than during past years.

Promising Young Men. During the year four adults and one infant received baptism. Among those baptized are two young men who give promise of usefulness. One is studying medicine and the other, after a long struggle with his pride and conscience, has decided to give his life to the ministry. He hopes to enter the Theological department of the Meiji Gakuin next autumn. He is a young man of much character and energy and we hope for good things from him.

Our young men have a flourishing Sei Nen Kwai (Young Men's Society) and meet to debate and discuss Christian and moral topics. Aside from this a number meet twice a month with the pastor to ask direct questions concerning the Bible and Christianity.

Women and Children. We have four Sunday-schools, with an average attendance of more than a hundred children. There are about twenty children in the little charity school who receive daily Bible instruction. I have a weekly meeting for the women and twenty-five young men come to me for English lessons.

The street children are no longer so rude, and the people seem less prejudiced against Christianity, but their utter indifference to any religion is almost more deplorable than their prejudice. Still, we regard the few signs of encouragement as prophetic of better times. We thank God for them and hope for more in the future.

UEDA.

Miss Brokaw's report :

As soon as possible after New Year I opened meetings both for women and children at *Shiojiri*, a very prosperous village about one "ri" from Ueda. The meetings were held in the commodious house of an ex-M. P., whose son is progressive and somewhat interested in Christianity. For a little time the attendance was unusually good, but soon the intense anti-Christian spirit of the principal of the schools began actively to assert itself.

Active Opposition. Against the laws of the land he decried the teachings of Christ to the children in recitation hours and intimidated them in various ways with the result of nearly killing the school. The young sister of the landlord and patron told the

brother of this and he waited upon the principal, who promised to publicly retract his words, which he did *not* do. Finally, I called upon him and spoke very plainly. At first he denied the charge, only to acknowledge and try to justify it in the end. He was most discourteous to me, said he had studied and despised Christianity, and when I perceived the manner of his life I did not wonder. We wrote up the matter for the papers, and altogether it gained considerable publicity. Much to my surprise on returning to Ueda in September, I found this man had been dismissed. On re opening

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been had a less notable man been the speaker. We believe a real impetus was given to the work by his visit and are grateful that he came.

In company with Miss Deyo, in June, I visited all our stations in South Shinshiu; I confined my efforts principally to the Christians, holding three meetings in each place. More than on any of my previous trips was I convinced of the great need of resident missionaries, in this field, not only to superintend and direct the native workers but to do pioneer work themselves in bringing the Gospel to the many yet untouched. Two men thus working could be kept more than busy, in the four stations.

Mr. Scudder recently baptized a member of one of my classes at Nagano; from several places invitations have come to hold meetings and on the whole, though our hearts are constantly wrung by the still great amount of heathenism and our sensibilities wounded every day by vile practices, we can see an awakening, Christianity is gaining a firmer hold and the Kingdom of Heaven is advancing.

*Miss Deyo's
Report*

A prominent feature of the work this year has been the constantly increasing opportunities for more work.

From January to the early part of May we had nine meetings a week. The places were: Upper Hori, Lower Hori, Kambarra, Komoro, Komaki.

In May Miss Hashimoto and I accompanied Miss Brokaw on her evangelistic tour among our stations over the mountains and much of our work here had to be closed for the summer.

About this time a son of the man in whose house we held our Upper Hori meetings, having been adjudged by his fellow villagers to be too wicked to live, was murdered by a committee, and the excitement and the period of mourning made it necessary for us to give up our work there for a time. But in all the other places we recommenced work in September and gradually as we found opportunity began new work in the following places: Kubobayashi, Tenjinmachi, connected with Ueda; Nishibara, Moro, Itchimachi, connected with Komoro; Oya, the first railroad station east from Ueda; Shindens, connected with Oya.

So that during the fall we have had fifteen meetings weekly, eleven for children and four for women. These are all purely religious meetings, the Bible only is taught. But in connection with some of the women's meetings a knitting class is held. The work in all these places, with two exceptions, has been encouraging, the meetings being fairly well attended and the people of the neighborhood showing an interest in our coming and professing a desire to know about Christianity.

The summary for the seven busy months is as follows:

No. of woman's meetings...	94	Average attendance.....	7
" " children's "	...164	" " " "25
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REPORT FOR 1897.

In the month of September the mission had the pleasure of welcoming Miss A. K. Stryker, who came to Sturges Seminary in the place of Miss M. E. Duryea, who had become Mrs. R. B. Grinnan in the fall of 1896, but had kindly continued teaching in the school until the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Grinnan from Nagasaki. Miss Stryker has already taken up the work of teaching, together with the study of the language.

Of the native workers in connection with us, we lost *Native Workers.* two by death during the year. Mr. Hamaguchi, our evangelist at Hiji, died suddenly of apoplexy in the month of May, and Mr. Tokumitsu, who had been laboring in the interior town of Hita, died in July, of consumption, after a lingering illness of many months. Both had been only a short time in active service. The loss of the above men was made good in point of numbers by the reception of two men from the West Japan Presbyterian Mission, which was forced to let them go by reason of lack of funds. One of these two men, Rev. I. Tomegawa, labors at Saga, while the other, Mr. Tamura, has taken up the work at Hitoyoshi.

EDUCATIONAL.

STEELE COLLEGE.

Rev. A. Pieters, now Principal of the school, reports:

The Theological department has this year a record of *Theological Department.* but six months, as circumstances made it impossible to re-open it in September. During these six months, it had four students, two in the Senior, and two in the Middle Class. There was no Junior Class. The two Seniors graduated in June, and one of them entered the service of our mission at Kagoshima. The other had a strong desire to labor in an independent manner, especially with the idea of going as evangelist to Formosa. He was under obligations to the mission, but the mission also being not altogether satisfied with him, the obli-

During the winter months we have continued our
Use of Tracts. practice of giving tracts to each house in the localities where we are working, arranging them in a series according to the truths taught, and giving them consecutively one each week for several weeks. These tracts are always politely received and we are told they are read. We know of some cases where special interest has been aroused through them.

As to definite results it is difficult to write. Our part
Results. seems to be to do the sowing and to leave the reaping to others. There have been several baptisms in Ueda church of people whom we believe our work has influenced. Two of the woman's class at Lower Hori desire baptism, and six of the young girls of the class in Komoro seem to be Christians at heart. I am hoping that Mr. Maki may be able to bring them into the church. Among the children who attend the meetings there are many who have what may be called a "saving knowledge of the Gospel," and I think they believe what they have learned.

Our meetings in the vicinity of Komoro have opened the way for Mr. Maki to begin work in those places.

Our summer evangelistic tour to the six stations over the mountains consumed about four weeks. While Miss Brokaw had her meetings for Christians Miss Hashimoto and I held meetings for the heathen. All were fairly well attended.

The great need and opportunities for work in each of these places and the time, strength, and money consumed in the journey to reach them makes one feel that an evangelistic tour among them should include a stay of three or four weeks in each place. But the exhausting nature of the work and the discomfort of staying in the native hotels makes this difficult. The need is for one or more missionaries to be stationed in that part of the field.

NAGANO.

Rev. F. S. Scudder, Mrs. Scudder and Mrs. Schenck
A New Station. arrived in Japan on October 10, 1897, and by the advice of the mission began at once a survey of the field. A good house was available at Nagano and as it seemed best to live in the interior at once for the purpose of acquiring the language, Nagano was chosen as their present place of residence, where they are giving themselves mainly to the work of acquiring the language.

In conclusion we would express our most heartfelt gratitude to God for all His mercies during the past year and our earnest prayer for His guidance and assistance in the year to come. May the Holy Spirit ever work in us and through us, and may He according to promise go before us "to convict the world in respect of sin and of righteousness and of judgment," and to lead us all into all truth.

gations were remitted, and, by mutual consent, he was not assigned to one of our out-stations. He has not succeeded in his desire to go to Formosa, and is maintaining himself by secular employment at Karatsu. The pastor of the church there acknowledges having received no little assistance from him in the work.

***Temporary
Suspension.***

After the graduation of the Senior Class, there were but two students left in the school. These men declared that they did not desire to return unless there was a foreign missionary in connection with it. For a time there was some hope that this condition might be fulfilled by the return of Dr. Stout from furlough; but when the decision of the Board was given against this course, on account of the state of Mrs. Stout's health, it became clearly out of the question to re-open, and theological instruction was suspended for one year, with the hope that circumstances will allow of its being entered upon anew in 1898.

***Academic
Department.***

In this department the year has been a quiet, and, in some respects, a successful one. The teacher of Chinese and one of the less important teachers resigned, but the vacancies were promptly filled, and no embarrassment was experienced. A young man who graduated from the school in 1893 and has since been continuously in connection with the mission was appointed teacher of English translation. For several years the mission had been seeking a man with an advanced education to teach some of the higher branches in the vernacular. It was therefore a cause for the greatest satisfaction that we were able to find a suitable man last summer. This gentleman is a graduate of the Imperial University, and was active in Christian work there, being, during the last year of his course, the president of the Young Men's Christian Association. He entered upon his duties in Steele College in September, and is, so far as can be judged from the record of only four months, a valuable addition to the teaching force of the school.

***Increased
Efficiency.***

With these exceptions, the men who taught in the institution at the end of the year had been there from the beginning. All have done excellent work. We feel that as the demands of education in this country are being raised, our school is also advancing in efficiency. There have not been wanting during the year encouraging evidences that the work of the institution is increasingly appreciated by the parents and friends of the students, as well as by the graduates and under-graduates themselves. There has been no disturbance among the students, and but little occasion for the exercise of discipline. The attendance during the past year has shown a marked and gratifying increase.

It was announced that in April a class would be *Preparatory Class.* opened to prepare students to enter the regular course in September. This action was taken because the government schools send out their graduates at the end of March, and also because such graduates of the lower schools were generally somewhat deficient in the knowledge of English required for entrance upon the regular course. The result showed that a real need was met by this preparatory class. More than forty boys availed themselves of its advantages. With the addition of those who entered in September, this gave the lowest class a membership of nearly sixty. Of course, the losses from such a number of students will be great, but making every allowance for this, we yet feel that the entrance of so large a class gives us reason to hope for better attendance in the advanced grades in the course of time.

The influx of so large a number of students has to *Religious Tone.* some extent lowered the religious tone of the school. This result was inevitable, and we hope it will be but temporary. Of course, these new boys, besides being young lads, such as are rarely found among professed believers anywhere, are almost entirely ignorant of the most elementary Christian ideas, and in most cases correspondingly indifferent. The required attendance on Bible instruction will remedy the ignorance. We hope and pray that the Spirit of God will do the same to their indifference.

Another matter of importance in this connection is the lack of the influence formerly exerted by the theological students. At one time these students formed nearly one half of the occupants of the dormitory. Being older than the rest of the boys, and some of them graduates of the Academic department, they took the lead in school prayer meetings, in the affairs of the dormitory, and in the religious work among the students. The gradual decrease in the number of these men, and the final closing of that department have removed this influence, and the loss is severely felt.

At the close of the previous year, a Young Men's *Y. M. C. A.* Christian Association was organized in the school, in connection with the visit of Mr. John R. Mott. This Association has done considerable Christian work among the students this year, in the line of holding meetings, personal work, etc. In this kind of work is one of the great elements of hope that the new students may be brought into sympathy with the aims of the school. We trust that this work, in connection with the regular religious exercises and instruction, will bear fruit in time.

The figures for the school at the end of the year are as follows. Classes, 6; students, 87; boarders, 38; Christians, 10; known to have ministry in view, 4.

Of the above, three receive regular assistance from the mission, one is supported by the Lutheran Mission, one is privately assisted by a member of the mission, and the rest are entirely self-supporting.

STURGES SEMINARY.

Miss Lansing reports as follows:

At the close of the year, fifty-two pupils were enrolled, twenty-seven boarders and twenty-five day pupils. During the year, twenty-three new pupils have entered the school. Of this number, ten were boarders. There have been many changes among both teachers and pupils. Of the class of nine girls who were graduated from the General Course in March, only three returned to us and entered the Advanced Course. There were four girls who graduated from the school, having completed the full course of study. One of these has accepted a position in the school as teacher in the Preparatory Department, and one is a personal teacher, while also attending two recitations a day in Miss Couch's training class. The pupils have all been quite regular in their attendance, and have done fairly well in their studies. The Bible classes have been better attended, owing, perhaps, to the fact that this has been the first year that examinations have been held in these classes. During the year, eight girls accepted Jesus as their Saviour, and seven of them united with the church here in Nagasaki. They are all members of our King's Daughters Society, which meets three Saturdays of each month for work. The proceeds are devoted to charity.

Mrs. Grinnan very kindly assisted in the school until its close in June, and in September we were glad to welcome Miss Stryker, who entered upon her work at once. As we review the work of the year, we feel that we have much cause for thanksgiving.

WOMEN'S BIBLE TRAINING CLASS.

On this work, Miss Couch, who is in charge, reports:

During the year which has just closed, the work of teaching the Bible to a few women has been carried on. One regular pupil and one pupil teacher have been in attendance throughout the year. Another regular pupil entered in September, and for a part of the year two others have attended some of the classes, making the greatest number in attendance at any one time, five.

I have continued teaching a Bible class in Sturges Seminary four times a week. For the last two months of the year, Rev. A. Segawa has taught the women under my care in one branch of study.

Outside work has been carried on to a greater extent than formerly. Since February three Sunday schools have been conducted in the town, supervised by Miss Lansing, Mrs. Pieters, and myself. Assistance has been rendered in all these Sunday schools by the women receiving instruction. Miss Muto, my helper, has also assisted Mrs. Pieters in a weekly knitting school, where a Bible talk is given in addition to instruction in knitting, etc. Miss Muto has also a weekly class of women servants, and spends one afternoon a week in calling.

During the year a beginning also has been made in *Country Touring.* country touring. Taking one of our Seminary graduates with me, I spent the month of April in traveling over Mr. Oltmans' portion of our evangelistic field. As that was my first attempt, perhaps little was accomplished. We visited on that trip nine stations, holding usually a meeting for women and calling upon the Christians at each place. From the middle of October to the middle of November, in company with Mrs. Peeke, I traveled over the southern part of our field. On this trip we visited eight stations, took part in fourteen meetings, and made a number of calls on Christians and inquirers.

EVANGELISTIC.

KAGOSHIMA DISTRICT.

During the early part of the year Mr. Peeke was able to make a complete tour of the field, visiting each out-station, and preaching with the evangelists in fourteen places. During the summer he served as one of the representatives of the mission at the Council of Missions Co-operating with the Church of Christ in Japan. On his return to a mountain near Nagasaki, where his family were summering, he was taken with typhoid fever, and although the Lord granted him a good recovery, his work has been necessarily somewhat restricted since that time. His fall tour was entirely omitted. However, the field enjoyed a visit from Miss Couch, who, with Mrs. Peeke as a companion, held meetings in all the principal places.

The Missionary's Home. The operations that have had the missionary's home as their center have been two: a weekly meeting attended by the immediate neighbors conducted by a young girl whose principal occupation has been in a religious line, and a ragged-school, conducted by another young girl. Both of these young people were from Sturges Seminary. The former was married in September, the latter is still with us, earning a golden reputation for faithfulness and efficiency. The ragged-school has prospered under her management. There are now fifteen pupils, and their deportment speaks well for the discipline they are receiving. Mrs. Peeke has taught one evening each week in an English night-school, conducted by some of the more prominent Christians of the city, assisted by all the resident missionaries. There has always been great hesitancy among Kagoshima people about allying themselves with that which is Christian, but through this night-school a number of young men have come into such relations with Christian forces as would have been impossible some years ago.

Religious Conversation. As the months pass on, the number of callers does not sensibly diminish. Grammar-school boys and Normal students are almost daily visitors. The latter never came before this year. Their coming is the signal for conversation which they and the missionary both understand is to turn presently to religious questions. Many of

them state in their first words that it is to hear about religion that they have come. As knowledge of the language increases, these discourses over the study desk give the keenest pleasure to the missionary. Acquaintances first met in the country often call when they come to the metropolis, for such Kagoshima is to this region. They are treated as hospitably as possible, the purpose being to increase and intensify all impressions for good previously received, and still more to accustom them to relations to those who represent the gospel.

Kagoshima.—The religious community in Kagoshima is growing, as is shown especially by the increased number of those who belong to the Bible Readers' Union. There are, however, quite a number in the city who, in spite of having maintained active Christian relations before coming here, do not now show their colors; but the church visible will always have many such. In our own church there have been many things for which to be thankful. There has been faithful Bible study on the part of some, and earnest inquiries have not been wanting. There has been faithfulness under trying circumstances, and renewed evidence has been brought forth to show that persecution tends rather to strengthen faith. The evangelist in charge was ordained to the ministry in the spring. One young man has been brought by him to believe on the Saviour, and there are three others regularly studying the Bible with him. About fifteen is the number of attendants on our worship, but at the evening meetings especially there are always some standing outside and listening. Some of these covert hearers come regularly. There have been four children gathering in the Sunday school, and a dozen more in that held at the ragged school,

There are five out-stations connected with the Kagoshima station. At three of these places new workers have come this year. The first of these is

Miakonojo.—This place was vacant and in a bad way, but Mr. Shiraishi, one of our best workers went there in the spring. He is faithful and energetic; studying in the morning, calling in the afternoon. There are seven people there at present who are investigating the scriptures under his lead. He also works regularly at places out in the country.

Shibushi.—The worker at Shibushi is the same as last year. This is a hard field, but things seem to be looking up. The evangelist is in better spirits, and reports several inquirers, and two have asked for baptism.

Ibusuki.—Dr. Miyake, who was traveling the Ibusuki circuit, left in the spring, to labor in a leper hospital of the Church Missionary Society. His place was supplied by a graduate of the Seminary, who, while living in Kagoshima, and assisting the missionary in various ways, visits this field every month. He also goes across the bay to *Tarumizu*. He thus visits four different places, calling in about thirty homes. There are no regular inquirers in this field yet, but the welcome that the preacher and his teachings receive is quite remarkable. The attitude of the people is distinctly cordial.

Hitoyoshi.—Mr. Yoshiwa was transferred to Nagasaki, and Mr. Tamura, whom the Presbyterians had been obliged to give up on account of lack of funds, came to Hitoyoshi with his young wife in the early summer. He is a

good man and a faithful worker. He reports two inquirers in this difficult place, where the Christians who made profession years ago, like the Lacdiceans of old, were decidedly lukewarm. We look for steady progress here.

Kawanabe.—The most flourishing work in our field at present is probably that at Kawanabe. The evangelist is young and very ready at gaining friends. A number of young men, school teachers, have gathered around him and are studying the scriptures with great regularity and earnestness. His field is a large one, and he visits a number of villages. The school teachers at Kago are especially cordial to him. He says that on his whole field there are ten who may be safely called inquirers, while double that number are at least fitful readers of the Word.

Summary.—If the foreign missionary had been able to tour this fall, his report, would no doubt, be more vivid. From what is written, the following points which are well within the facts, and are ground for considerable encouragement, may be gathered:

(1) While there have been no baptisms this year, there have been more people investigating the Word of God than ever before. These are the people generally called inquirers, and on the whole field we may safely say that there are twenty such.

(2) Wherever the preachers go they are welcomed, and treated with consideration. This is eminently so on the Ibusuki and Kawanabe districts. A great change this from a few years back.

(3) The man who openly says that Christianity is a bad, dangerous, foreign religion has practically disappeared.

(4) This field is more open for a thorough and wide preaching of the gospel than it ever has been in the past.

(5) Now is the time for missionaries to press forward as never before, and for the Church at home to be lavish with prayer and sympathetic encouragement on behalf of both native and foreign workers.

NAGASAKI.

The Rev. A. Pieters, in charge of this station, reports as follows :

City Evangelistic Work.

This work, which has long been looked upon as one of the most difficult and unsatisfactory enterprises under the care of the mission, showed signs of improvement at the end of the previous year. This was in great measure due to the earnest and faithful work of the evangelist in charge, Mr. Y. Shiraishi. It was with the greatest regret, therefore, that the mission felt obliged, at the beginning of the year, to transfer Mr. Shiraishi to an out-station in connection with the Kagoshima field, where successive and serious difficulties had come near wrecking a work that at one time was considered very promising. It was felt that one of the best men must go there, and accordingly Mr. Shiraishi was sent. He left Nagasaki in the middle of February. Shortly before he left, an excellent house on a principal street had been secured for a preaching place, the evangelist also being expected to

reside there. After the departure of Mr. Shiraishi, the place was vacant for three months, as for several reasons his successor could not leave his place to come to Nagasaki until the middle of May. Two young men, the fruit of the work of Mr. Shiraishi, were baptized in the early part of June. One of these young men was afterwards drafted into the army.

The work went on in a fairly satisfactory manner until the end of August, when preparations were made on a grand scale for the celebration of an idolatrous festival. The occupants of the houses on the street where the preaching place was located were assessed certain amounts for the expenses of this celebration. The matter of payment was voluntary so far as the government was concerned, but local pressure of so powerful a nature was brought to bear upon the owner of the property that he refused any longer to rent the place to the mission unless payment were made. Of course, this was refused, and we left the house. This was a very serious setback. We had then to return to the practice of hiring a room in a hotel once a week for a preaching place. There services have been conducted regularly, but this kind of work is very unsatisfactory. The surroundings are unsuitable, guests are frequently coming and going at the hotel, the neighborhood is noisy, and the service is continually disturbed. It is to be doubted whether our evangelistic work in Nagasaki will ever make any considerable advance unless we succeed in getting permanent possession of a suitable house, either by purchase or by long lease. The Methodists have done this, and it has helped their work very materially, so that they are now building up quite a church of Nagasaki people.

Nagasaki Church.—This year marks a new era in the relations of the mission to the Nagasaki Church organization, in that this church has now attained a fair degree of self-support. It has throughout the year supported its own preacher, who had no income from any other source, and has paid the running expenses of its services, besides various contributions to Domestic Missions and benevolent objects. In this the people have been assisted by regular gifts from the missionaries who attended the services of the church, but no money has been received from the mission as such. The land rent, repairs, and janitor's wages, have been paid by the mission. The first of these items was nearly covered by the rent received from the Bible Societies' Committee for the use of a small building on the premises, which is used as a depository and Bible shop. It was hoped that the janitor's wages would be assumed by the church, but this has hitherto seemed impossible. It can hardly be said, therefore, that the Nagasaki church is entirely self-supporting but an important step has been taken in that direction, and there is good reason to hope that this will be but the beginning of complete financial independence.

The Sunday evening service has always been regarded as belonging to the mission.

The difficulty often complained of that only students, teachers and servants, or others in direct connection with the mission, could be attracted

to the services, still continues, but to a less degree than formerly. It is now a common thing to see a number of strangers in the audience, as well as regular attendants who have no financial connection with the mission at all. The spiritual condition of the church is not distinguished by such earnestness and zeal as could be wished, but on the other hand, factions, quarrels and similar disturbances have quite disappeared. Brotherly love is binding all hearts together, and believers seem to be growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. This is no doubt due to the blessing of God resting on the faithful and spiritual preaching of the supply, Mr. Ojima. We pray that this may be but the beginning of greater blessings to come.

SAGA DISTRICT.

The Rev. A. Oltmans, the missionary in charge reports :

The general work of the missionary has been as usual, that of touring through the field. Of special work done during the year, may be mentioned the conducting of a Bible school for the workers during nine days in January, the teaching of Bible classes at Nagasaki during a forced stay there in September and October, and the teaching of a Bible class of students from the Middle School at Saga, three times a week whenever he was home. The importance of Bible schools for workers is happily becoming more and more recognized here in Japan, as it is also in our home land. The teaching of the government school students was more satisfactory during the past year than it had ever been before.

Out-stations.—The number of out-stations occupied by evangelists in this district was diminished by one, namely, Kitsuki. The man in charge there, Mr. Yamakita, left the employ of the mission and went to Sapporo in northern Japan to work in connection with an independent church at that place. Kitsuki being near Hiji, another of our out-stations, it can be worked from there with little difficulty. During the year, Fukuoka, next to the largest city in the island, which had before been worked by the Home Mission Committee of Classis, with funds provided partly by the native church and partly by the Missions, was transferred entirely to the care of the Mission. This Committee of Classis has ceased to exist. The Home Mission Board of the church at large has no work in Kiushiu.

Shimabara.—This is the most southern out station of the Saga district. The evangelist in charge before was exchanged with the one at Nakatsu. Since the exchange, the condition of Shimabara has improved. The entire number of our Christians is but four men, three women and four children. Three regular inquirers are reported, and the outlook is fairly good. Work has been begun in the government hospital, first by the evangelist visiting personal friends who were inmates. The evangelist says in his report: "People are getting disabused of errors concerning Christianity, and more favorably disposed to inquire into it."

Omura.—During the last year this place has had the unusual stir incident upon the establishment of a garrison, and the construction of a railway. This has brought many people into the town, and thus furnished enlarged

opportunities for evangelistic work. It has however, also its drawbacks, especially in the way of occupying the minds of the people with material things to the exclusion of things spiritual. At a preaching place connected with this out-station, a family has asked to receive baptism after some course of instruction has been given. There are also four regular inquirers who have already received a good deal of instruction.

Sasebo.—At this place, the naval station of Kiusiu, work has been carried on as usual, with the customary changes of individuals among the Christians. One man, two women, and two children received baptism. At present there is one candidate and there are eight inquirers, five of whom are men and three are women. The outlook is reported as being good, and the believers are earnest and working in unity.

Karatsu —Of the church at this place, Mr. Ishigami is still the pastor. Unfortunately, several troubles that have arisen from time to time have interfered more or less with the regular work of this church. Two preaching places are worked from Karatsu, at both of which the audiences are fairly good. During the year one person received baptism, while at present there are four candidates. The church is making an effort to do more in the way of self-support than hitherto.

Saga.—This church has the other of the two organized churches connected with the Saga district. The members actually in sight and in regular attendance upon the services is so small that the organization can hardly be maintained. During the year one man and one child received baptism, while at present there are four candidates and seven inquirers. The outlook for the future is better than it has been for some time, though it is not by any means such as we would like to see it.

Saga Chiho.—By this we mean the country district about Saga. There were three preaching-places last year, one being taken up late in the year. This one is on the newly made railroad and easily reached from Saga. The audiences here have been quite large from the beginning. At another of the places we baptized one woman and one child during the year. At the third place there are several inquirers, but they have been such now for a long time, and do not seem to come to a favorable decision. This work can be extended up to the limits of the man who works the field. There are a number of places all along the railroad in which no evangelistic work is going on at present.

Kurume.—The only event of importance at this place during the year was the conversion and baptism of a young man, a student at the government school. His adherence to the Christian faith brought him no small measure of petty persecution on the part of his fellow students, which went even to the length of their attacking him one night while returning from our preaching place and giving him a sound beating. They, however, did not beat Christianity out of him, and I had the pleasure of baptizing him not long after. A strong presentation of the matter to the Principal of the school had the further effect of justifying the young man in his course before his teachers and schoolmates. There are nineteen Christians connected with

this out-station, seventeen of whom are on the ground. There are also two candidates for baptism.

Fukuoka.—This place, as stated before, was transferred from the care of the Home Mission Committee of the Classis to that of our mission. The city being divided into two parts, we have two preaching places, one in each part, but worked by one evangelist. During the year one woman and four children were baptized, making our entire force of Christians consist of five men, four women and five children. Fukuoka being an important centre, we might do a great deal more work there, had we the men and means to do it. With the Methodists and Episcopalians in strong force, and the Congregationalists and Baptists in force about equal to ours, all working with us in the same city, to say nothing of the Universalists, who have a man there also, we may be behind in the race, but have nevertheless the satisfaction of knowing that this large and populous city is not left to the meagre efforts which we ourselves can put forth.

Nakatsu.—The work at this place has not been very successful during the year, so far as we can judge by appearances. The change in evangelists has not brought with it, as it often does, a revival in religious work. On the other hand, the removal of some members to other places has reduced the number to a minimum. Also, of seven inquirers during the year, five have gone to other parts. This frequent moving of members and inquirers is at present one of the greatest obstacles to the steady development of the work throughout our field. Those who leave our preaching places do not always find Christian work going on at or near the places where they go. And where the case is otherwise, our evangelists are not always careful to acquaint the worker in charge at such a place with the arrival of these Christians or inquirers. A special evangelistic campaign carried on for several days during the spring of the year in and about Nakatsu seemed at the time to be very successful, but the results in the way of permanent inquirers have not appeared thus far, though they may exist, nevertheless.

Usa.—This field is being worked at present very energetically by Mr. Kawasaki, and with not a few tangible results. Of baptisms, there has been but one during the year, but a great deal of faithful teaching of the Christians and preaching the gospel to non Christians has been done, and the Lord has opened many doors of usefulness. The field, however, is too large for one man to work thoroughly, and Mr. Kawasaki's strength is taxed to the utmost. We hope and pray for a number of conversions in this field in the near future from among those that seem to be genuinely interested and are being regularly instructed.

Usabara. The work here among the Eta has been especially trying during the past year. At the beginning of the year, the outlook seemed very favorable, and extra efforts were made in behalf of these unfortunate people. But various obstacles came in the way, which prevented in large measure the carrying out of these plans for the year. A number of men have secretly left the place to go to work on the railroads, or to find other employments, which are multiplying so rapidly throughout the country. In

some cases these men left their families in an entirely forsaken condition. Our evangelist has still free access to the homes of the people, and a few come to him quite regularly for instruction. We have still hopes that with the Lord's favor, a work of grace may spring up among this people. Their condition in every way is certainly deplorable.

Hiji.—Notwithstanding the irregularity in the work at Hiji, because of changes of workers, the attendance upon meetings, both of Christians and others has been good. One woman received baptism who has since removed to Kagoshima. Several Christians are faithful helpers of the evangelist, an advantage which unfortunately we do not have in every place.

Oita.—This is the extreme north-eastern out-station of the Saga district. It is one of the very few places in our field that cannot be reached by rail. The work throughout the year has been carried on very faithfully by Mr. Moriyama and his wife. The latter is a true help-meet to her husband. The results are as yet more in the way of the number of persons interested in Christianity, and a much larger number gaining more or less knowledge of the new religion by hearing the gospel preached, than in actual converts by baptism; only one having thus far been added. But there are seven persons under regular instruction, several of whom are hopeful candidates. The number of adult Christians connected with us is eight, a small number to be sure, but they are all of good character and reputation as Christians.

Self-Support.

After the meeting of the Council of Missions in July, and in pursuance of its utterance on the subject of self-support in our native churches and preaching places, this matter was especially urged upon the workers and believers connected with the Saga district. As the Daikwai (Synod) had taken initial action in strong terms on this subject, it was comparatively easy for us to make an advance in the same direction. Everywhere the subject was discussed, and our suggestion that the Christians at each place should at least pay the rent and incidental expenses of the house in which they met for their own worship was generally followed, so that from the beginning of this new year the Mission does not pay any rent for such places in this part of the field. It must, however, be stated, that in consequence some of the houses rented thus far had to be given up, and that others of cheaper rent were engaged, while in some places the Christians meet for worship in the house of some member. We gave them to understand that we preferred even the last mentioned arrangement to the Mission's paying for such meeting places. We hope that during this coming year a still greater advance may be made along this line. It is to be remembered, however, that in the matter of self support our Christians in Kiushiu find it seemingly impossible to come up to the measure to which the native churches in the north have been able to attain. Hence we must work with patient pressure, exercising much sympathy, yet at the same time not let our sympathy in any way help to ease our native brethren from burdens which they themselves ought to assume.

Resumé.

The annual review of our work gives us, as usual, mingled feelings of discouragement and joy. Our hopes for the year that is passed have by no means been realized. Much that promised fair at the beginning of the year has ended in apparent failure. Men and women who seemed to be, as it were, half way to the kingdom, had to move away from under the influence and teaching of our men. There has been backsliding in some parts, though this, we are glad to say, has been confined to a very few cases. On the other hand, we rejoice over even the few that have been added to the number of our Christians. We are thankful for the great amount of preaching, that has been done, which has come to the ears of thousands upon thousands. And we are especially encouraged by the large number of inquirers that are at present found in all our out-stations. If this is any indication of what the new year will bring, then we certainly may hope and pray for great things. Our men, almost without exception, write encouragingly of the outlook. Our opportunities for work are large already, and they are enlarging every day, with the greatly increased facilities of travel, at much less cost than before. We ought, with our sister missions on the field, to fill the island of Kiushiu in a short time with gospel light from one end to the other. And we trust that our home churches are ready to aid in this glorious enterprise with their sympathy and prayers and means, according as they are prospered of the Lord.

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Missionaries.—Rev. James Cantine, S. M. Zwemer, F.R.G.S., P. J. Zwemer, H. R. L. Worrall, M. D., Rev. F. J. Barny.

Assistant Missionary.—Mrs. S. M. Zwemer.

Native Assistants.—Isa Abd El Messia, Murad, Daood Murad, Josef Micha, Daniel, *Colporteurs.*

Markus Galustian, *Dispensary Assistant.*

Elias, *Arabic Teacher.*

S. M. David, *Teacher Rescued Slave School.*

THE MISSION OCCUPIES:

1. *The Busrah vilayet.*—Area, 50,000 square miles; population, 700,000.

2. *Bahreïn Islands and adjacent coast.*—Area undefined; population, 300,000.

3. *Oman.*—Area undefined, population, 500,000.

Stations.—Busrah, 1891; Bahrein, 1892; Muscat, 1893. *Out Stations:* Amara, 1895; Nasariyeh, 1897.

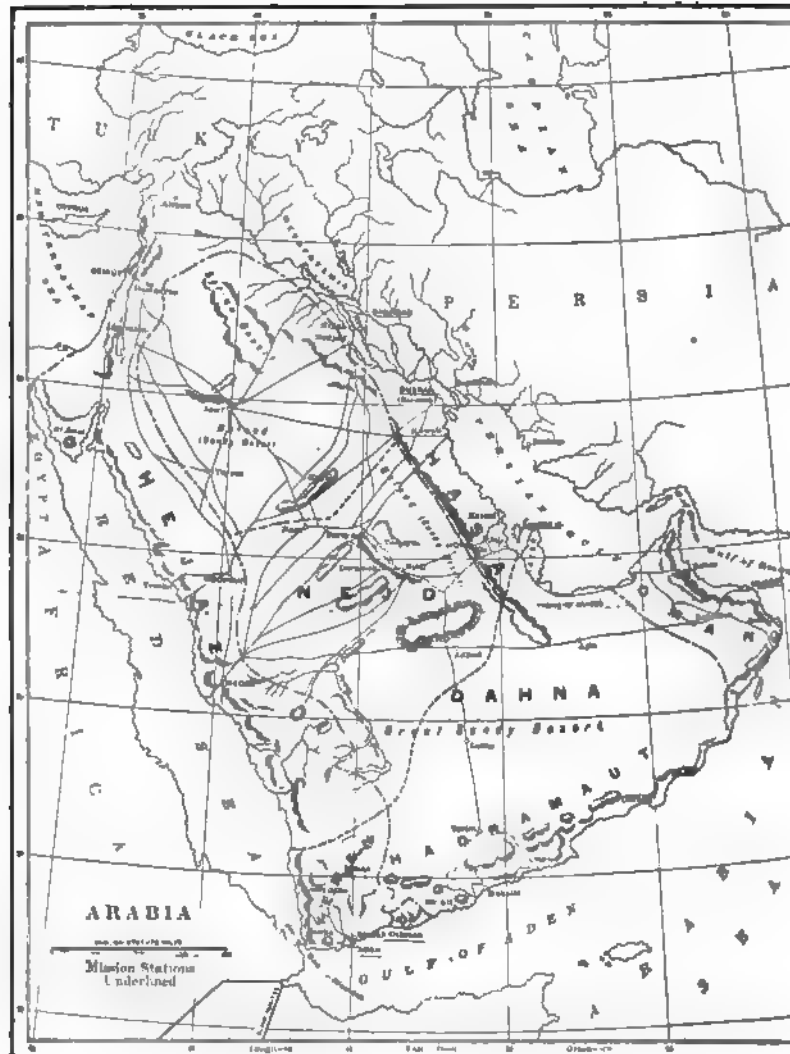
*Review of the
Year.*

Looking back over the year just passed, we strike boldly the major chord of praise and thanksgiving—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

On our side we have planned to lay the foundation for the future wide and deep, to distribute our force over as large a portion as possible of this needy and neglected field, reaching out to a new station in the river country—Nasariyeh; and to place foremost the distribution of the Word, and direct evangelistic effort. But we recognize the weakness of our efforts, and had often to regret plans unaccomplished and objects unattained.

On the divine side, however, we recognize the workings of the Unseen Hand in rooting and establishing our work at each of our three widely separated stations, in preparing the way before us whenever we were privileged to reach out into regions beyond, and in bringing to us such as earnestly inquired unto the truth. "This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

At the beginning of the year, Mr. Cantine visited our southernmost station, Muscat, and at its close, Mr. Zwemer visited Busrah. Both were deeply impressed with the fact that the Lord has encouraged us by the



unmistakable signs of his co-working. In regard to Muscat, Mr. Cantine writes referring to his visit there six years before: "Then I was the only missionary in all Eastern Arabia (Bishop French had died at Muscat a few days before my arrival): Now, not to speak of our other station, we have at Muscat a school, a printing press, a Bible shop, and an accessible 'hinterland' large enough to satisfy the most ambitious. The hand of the Lord has indeed gone before us."

In regard to Busrah, the same testimony can be given. While in past years, the mission was sometimes seriously handicapped by the local government and our coming misunderstood, during the past year, not only have we freely held religious services in both Arabic and English, but the Mission House has been a Bethel, where daily numbers, while seeking healing for the body have heard of the health of the soul, and several have earnestly inquired into the way of life.

The departure on February 21st, of Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer on furlough seriously weakened our *The Mission Force*. force and compelled the suspension of work at Bahrien for a time.

In October the mission welcomed Rev. F. J. Barny who has since then spent his efforts in acquiring the language.

Our native assistants with one exception were the same as last year.

Busrah. Throughout the year we have enjoyed political quiet and relative freedom to prosecute our work.

Two colporteurs were steadily employed, one in the Bible shop and another in the bazaars. The report of sales gives the record but, as we believe, by no means the result of this work. In all of the eight languages spoken here the Word has gone forth. Many perhaps who thus purchased Scriptures were unaware that they were loaded not with explosive powder, but with the expulsive power of the gospel, that will yet overthrow the false fabric of Islam. Others purchased with a real desire to learn the truth. In many cases and in sometimes unexpected ways the fruit of this seed sowing was manifested.

An Arabic service was held regularly on the Sabbath and frequently Moslems were in attendance.

One, in particular, whose name need not be given, because regular in his attendance and, convinced of the insufficiency of Islam, sought instruction in Christian doctrine. We hope he will soon have the courage to face the difficulties into which an open confession of Christ would bring him.

Medical Work. Except when Dr. Worrall was absent on tours, the dispensary at Busrah was open five days in the week throughout the year and usually a missionary or colporteur was present to read and explain a portion of Scripture to the waiting

patients. The large majority of Moslems whom we thus reach in our present location made no objection to this but rather favored it, some returning to hear the Word even when not in need of medical help.

The entire number of patients treated during the year was 4,072.

Medical work was specially helpful this year in strengthening our work at Amara and Nasariyeh. Both of these are important towns in the river country north of Busrah. In regard to *Nasariyeh*, where we were able, this year to locate a colporteur permanently and where Bible sales have been specially promising, Dr. Worrall writes:

Nasariyeh.—At Nasariyeh there seems to be the greatest opening for work in the medical line. Situated on the river Euphrates only a few miles from a place of pilgrimage, Hilla, and but a days journey to a prominent city of the Nejd country. The people of Nejd come in caravans to trade at this place. These are not under the rule of the Turks, are intellectual and a majority of the inhabitants can read and write. I believe a residence in this out of the way place for a year or two would famialiarize the minds of the people with the idea of the Good Book, and if a physician resided there he would have many requests to go into the Nejd country to treat and thus open the way for the Word of Life.

A colony of *Lubees* here especially welcomed our work and at once proposed a Sunday service.

A colporteur resided at Nasariyeh for a large part of the year and the Bible shop reported encouraging sales. At the close of the year it was made an out-station by vote of the mission.

Amara.—In charge of our colporteur Murad, who resides here with his family, this out-station reports progress in Bible sales and an increasing interest in the Christian religion on the part of Turkish soldiers and others. A slight interference at the hands of a Government official has been overcome and our work has assumed some degree of permanence.

For a large part of the first quarter Mr. Cantine and *Bahrein*. Mr. and Mrs. Zwemer labored together at this our Pearl Island Station—P. J. Zwemer joining them later on. The record of Bible sales for the first quarter was large and the numbers of Moslems who visited the Mission house greater than before. Promising work among women was inaugurated by Mrs. S. M. Zwemer and besides the tour to Kateef by Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer all the villages on the island were repeatedly visited.

On February 21st, Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer left on furlough to America. On account of the fewness of our numbers and a dearth of available colporteurs we were unable to carry on the work as we had wished. Mr Cantine, however, twice visited the islands and Mr. P. J. Zwemer once, so that our hold was not relinquished.

At this, the capitol of Oman, the permanence of our *Muscat*. mission was established by the purchase in July of a suitable mission house, which serves as a residence for the missionary and a home for the rescued slaves. There was an increase

in Bible sales and a greater inquiry especially on the part of people from the interior of Oman in regard to the Christian religion.

Muscat, being the seaport, is more or less the center of our work, but our efforts for the year were not confined to this place. Although we can report no out-stations yet, by means of tours the important inland towns were brought in touch with our work and two entire tribes—the Beni Ryam and the Oberiyah were for the first time supplied with the Scriptures.

The year's work of the school has given every satisfaction. Under the faithful instruction of their teacher, *The Rescued Slave School.* Mr. S. M. David, the eighteen pupils have made excellent progress. At the close of the year eleven of the boys passed examination in the Third Standard Reader and in the four simple rules of arithmetic. Four were examined for the Second Standard. The remaining three are still under primary instruction.

Industrial training was begun this year and the older boys were systematically taught the use of carpenter's tools, and a class of four were taught type-setting.

The influence of the Rescued Slave School, as an object lesson in Christian charity and the benefit of early training, is recognized and a desire has been expressed by many for an Arabic school on similar lines.

Our Mission Press has proved its utility this year in printing a controversial tract entitled, "Jesus or Mohammed?" The distribution of this tract created some commotion among the more fanatical and its sale was prohibited by the Sultan of Muscat. No injunction, however, can possibly be made against printing at Muscat and the Press can continue to print such literature as may be specially needed in our field.

From each of our stations tours were made into the "hinterland."

Tours. These tours were reported in full in our Quarterly Letters and we give only a summary.

From Busrah our natural extension is up the river country to the north. The Turkish vilayet boundary was tentatively agreed upon as the boundary between our Mission and the C. M. S. at Bagdad. The principal towns of the Busrah vilayet were thrice visited. Two complete circular tours were made by Mr. Cantine to Amara, Kut-el-Amara and Nasariyeh including the intermediate villages. A medical tour of the same route by Dr. Worrall proved helpful in establishing our work at Nasariyeh.

Besides these our colporteurs in their frequent tours up and down the rivers have distributed the Word and witnessed to the truth as they had opportunity.

From Bahrein, Kateef was revisited and the islands thoroughly canvassed by colporteurs.

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In Oman an entire section of new territory was claimed in His name and the coast towns repeatedly visited. In all of these towns we found the country accessible and the people friendly, and everywhere open doors invited us to extend our efforts to regions beyond.

SCRIPTURES SOLD, 1897.

	Bibles.	Testaments.	Portions.	Total.
Busrah.....	31	39	933	1003
Bahreïn	5	15	297	317
Muscat.....	12	17	430	459
Totals... ..	48	71	1660	1779

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GENERAL SUMMARY, 1897-1898.

	CHINA.	INDIA	NORTH JAPAN.	SOUTH JAPAN.	ARABIA	TOTAL.
Stations.....	8	7	6	3	3	22
Out-stations and Preaching Places..	38	143	39	19	2	241
Missionaries, ordained.....	6	11	7	4	4	32
Missionaries, unordained.....	1	1	1	.....	1	4
Assistant Missionaries, married....	6	12	8	4	1	31
Assistant Missionaries, unmarried..	7	4	6	3	.....	20
Native Ordained Ministers.....	12	9	5	4	.....	30
Other Native Helpers, men.....	29	143	14	17	8	211
Native Helpers, women.....	4	29	6	1	.....	41
Churches.....	11	24	8	4	.....	47
Communicants.....	1304	2208	1690	362	.....	5564
Received on Confession, 1897.....	133	149	*93	21	.....	396
Seminaries, boys'.....	2	5	1	1	1	10
Scholars.....	96	260	56	87	18	517
Seminaries, girls'.....	5	3	1	1	.....	10
Scholars.....	164	184	56	52	.....	456
Theological Schools.....	1	1	1	1	.....	4
Students.....	5	36	16	4	.....	61
Sunday-schools.....	.....	156	38	18	.....	202
Scholars.....	.....	4810	1094	255	.....	6159
Day-schools.....	15	184	2	.....	.....	201
Scholars.....	264	5745	50	.....	.....	6059
Hospitals and Dispensaries.....	2	1	.....	.....	1	4
Patients Treated.....	.....	18974	.....	.....	4072	18046
Native Contributions.....	\$5067	\$1891	\$3077	\$723	.....	\$10758

*Estimated.

All contributions in silver.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1858-1898.

	1858.	1868.	1878.	1888.	1898.
Stations.....	6	10	11	11	22
Out-stations and Preaching Places.....	2	18	49	123	241
Missionaries, men.....	8	14	16	28	36
Missionaries, married women.....	6	12	14	21	31
Missionaries, unmarried women.....	1	.....	9	9	20
Native Ordained Helpers.....	.....	4	6	26	30
Other Native Helpers, men.....	22	76	86	173	211
Native Helpers, women.....	.....	2	10	47	41
Churches.....	7	13	31	47	47
Communicants.....	297	816	1563	4559	5564
Boarding Schools, boys'.....	.....	2	1	7	10
Scholars.....	.....	55	40	308	517
Boarding Schools, girls.....	.....	1	3	5	10
Scholars.....	.....	46	97	300	456
Theological Students.....	.....	7	19	32	61
Day-Schools.....	6	17	44	106	201
Scholars.....	87	413	1841	2612	6059
Hospitals and Dispensaries.....	.....	1	1	.....	4
Patients Treated.....	.....	15507	9673	.....	18046
Native Contributions.....	.....	\$1184	\$1590	\$8325	\$10758

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board	Total.
Classis of Albany.						
First, Albany.....	\$659 68			\$ 10	\$379 38	\$1049 06
Madison Avenue.....	834 81	\$ 60	\$352		732	1978 81
Third, Albany.....					15	15
Fourth, Albany.....	31					31
Holland, Albany.....	10	24 40			25	59 40
First, Bethlehem.....	27 34				43 50	70 84
Second, Bethlehem.....	28	25			27 75	80 75
Second, Berne.....	5 07					5 07
Knox.....	10 29			1	13	24 29
Clarksville.....					12	12
Coeymans.....	64 25			1 50	30	95 75
Jerusalem.....	12 14	3	1	9 48	22 72	48 29
New Salem.....						
Onesquethaw.....	8 44					8 44
New Baltimore.....	85 90				41 23	77 13
Union.....	4 36					4 36
Westerlo.....					5	5
Classical Union.....					36	36
	\$1726 28	\$112 40	\$353	\$ 21 93	\$1882 58	\$3506 19
Classis of Bergen.						
First, Hackensack.....	\$469 62	\$ 60	\$300	\$ 10	\$132 43	\$ 972 05
Schraalenburgh.....	21 54	30	10		34 10	95 64
English Neighborhood.....	13 10				29 42	42 52
New Durham.....	150	36		10	182	378
First, Hoboken.....	54 21			5 00		59 21
North Bergen.....	80				44 91	124 91
Second, Hackensack.....	244	64 46			58 62	367 08
German Evangelical, Hoboken.....	12			10		22
Third, Hackensack.....						
Closter.....	31 58				29 68	61 26
Palisades.....	21 08			6 35	6	33 43
Guttenberg.....					8	8
Central Avenue, Jersey City.....	15 25	9 60		10 03	20	54 88
Cherry Hill.....	31 59	5 06		11	25	72 65
Secaucus.....						
Spring Valley, N. J.	5 75					5 75
Westwood.....	85 23	43 30		10 19		138 72
Oradell.....	35 01	11 30		10	52 24	108 55
Hasbrouck Heights.....	5					5
Classical Union.....					12	12
	\$1274 96	\$259 72	\$310	\$ 82 57	\$634 40	\$2561 65
South Classis of Bergen.						
Bergen.....	\$241 04			\$ 10	\$169	\$ 420 04
First, Bayonne.....	133 19	\$ 20		34 57	80	217 76
Wayne Street.....	62 63			42 81	357 35	462 79
Bergen Point.....	72	50			83 95	205 95
Second, Hudson City.....						
Lafayette.....	59 55	25	\$ 35	10 02	79 37	208 94
Greenville.....		13 52			54 56	68 08
Free, Jersey City.....	12					12
Third, Bayonne.....						
South Bergen.....				35	10	45

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
South Classis of Bergen. (CONTINUED.)						
First, German Evangelical.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John's, German Evangelical..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park, Jersey City.....	\$ 40 77	.....	.....	.....	\$ 67 13	\$ 107 90
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 27	6 27
	\$621 18	\$108 52	\$ 35	\$132 40	\$857 63	\$1754 73
Classis of Dakota.						
Centerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vandenberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wakonda, Olive Leaf.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandham Memorial.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sioax Falls.....	\$ 6	.....	.....	.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 11
Scotland, Ebenezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second, Lennox.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Davis, Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Charles Mix.....	8 15	.....	\$ 4	.....	50	12 65
First, Harrison.....	92 51	\$ 7 94	.....	.....	.....	100 45
Grand View.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	11 30	14 80
Hope.....	18 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 40
Immanuel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First, Lennox.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Delaware.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange City.....	56 95	30	.....	\$ 10 14	.....	97 09
Yankton.....	9 91	1 16	.....	.....	.....	11 07
Van Raaie.....	11	.....	.....	.....	6	17
First, Wormser City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$268 42	\$ 39 10	\$ 4	\$ 10 14	\$ 22 80	\$ 344 46
Classis of Grand River.						
Atwood.....	\$ 3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 3 50
Coopersville.....	7 22	\$ 22	.....	.....	\$ 13 45	42 67
Detroit.....	.....	13 50	.....	.....	18	31 50
Falmouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont.....	11 71	2 40	.....	.....	9	23 11
First, Grand Haven.....	40	83 01	.....	\$ 2 45	120	245 46
Second, Grand Rapids.....	45 89	162 08	.....	10	80	297 92
Third, ".....	176 77	.....	\$ 5 60	.....	.....	182 37
Fourth, ".....	81 32	134 20	.....	5	30 76	201 28
Fifth, ".....	13 37	100 11	.....	.....	.....	113 48
Oakdale Park.....	.....	6 65	.....	.....	.....	6 65
Seventh, Grand Rapids.....	55 65	41 62	.....	.....	10	107 27
Eighth ".....	5 89	13 50	.....	.....	.....	19 39
Ninth ".....	28 71	50	11 29	2 22	35	122 22
Bethany ".....	10	40	.....	.....	15	65
Grandville.....	18 50	17 50	.....	2 80	5	43 80
First, Kalamazoo.....	40 43	.....	20	6 30	226 65	293 38
Third, ".....	21 51	30 00	40	.....	.....	91 51
Fourth, ".....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Moddersville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First, Muskegon.....	43 45	114 04	36	20 55	65	284 04
New Era.....	10	.....	.....	.....	2 65	12 65
Reboboth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Haven.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Lake.....	17 85	37 13	2 50	4 40	61 88
Twin Lakes.....	6	8 10	14 10
Vogel Center.....
	\$597 77	\$875 79	\$112 89	\$ 51 82	\$634 91	\$2273 18

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches	Sunday Schools	Individuals	Y. P. S. C. E.	Women's Board	Total
Classis of Greene.						
First, Athens.....	\$100	\$ 45			\$ 16 50	\$ 161 50
Second, ".....	2					2
First, Catskill.....	250 17	64 35		\$ 87 06	121 53	504 01
First, Coxsackie.....	44 28	7 94			13 25	73 39
Second, ".....	196 20	20 50		18 35	134 05	369
Kiskatom.....	24	2 50	\$ 10	6 50	83 50	86 50
Leds.....	12 69			10	18	40 69
	\$369 30	\$140 09	\$ 10	\$129 71	\$396 94	\$1206 02
Classis of Holland.						
Beaverdam.....	\$ 33 90				\$ 14	\$ 47 90
Second Cleveland.....	22 94	\$ 30 41	\$ 5	\$ 8		73 35
Drenthe.....						
East Overisel.....						
Edenzer.....	4 25	10 30			8	24 55
Graafschap.....	37		4 50			41 50
Hamilton.....	9 78				24 45	34 23
First, Holland.....	41 24	32 56		10		84 75
Third, ".....	48 10	127 16	17	30	94 75	307 01
Fourth, ".....						
First, Jamestown.....	16 14	51 54	5			73 69
Second, ".....	8 27	10				18 27
North Holland.....	21 67	98 11	19	9	19	150 75
Overisel.....	152 92	228 23	30	30	61 61	584 06
Saugeluck.....						
South Blenden.....	6 38	30	13 16			49 54
Three Oaks.....					46	275 24
Vriesland.....	58 24	60	120	145	237	1066 53
Zeland.....	210	404 53	40			
	\$659 61	\$1100 94	\$258 64	\$312	\$398 01	\$2764 42
Classis of Hudson.						
First, Claverack.....	\$ 44 35	\$ 58 34		\$ 27 62	\$102 06	\$ 232 34
Gallatin.....	6 80	2		1 74	5 33	15 66
Germanstown.....	45 89			12	11 80	89 69
Greenport.....	22 70	2 79			63	108 49
Hudson.....	161 09	56 82		5	86 16	321 07
Livingston at Livingston.....	16			30	30	76
Livingston at Livingston.....	5 19				2 80	7 99
Mellenville.....	30	0 96		25	15 26	80 22
Philmont.....	180 96	44 06		15	53 85	304 67
Upper Red Hook.....	62				61 07	113 67
West Coxsack.....	12	10 11			10	32 11
Classical Union.....					5 85	5 85
	\$365 98	\$194 08		\$116 36	\$460 74	\$1206 06
Classis of Illinois.						
Bethany.....	\$ 6 85		\$ 9 50			\$ 16 35
Bethel.....	4 10					4 10
Bethlehem.....	1 35					1 35
Brushnell.....	10 16					10 16
Edenzer.....	16 71		2 50	\$ 16		25 21
Fairview.....	25 30	\$ 46 80			\$ 14	87 16
Galesburg.....			8			8
Havana.....						
Irving Park, Chicago.....		30		86 50	105	171 50
Manito.....	10 25			32 16		42 41
Northwestern.....	10 02		5	5	2	22 09
Norwood Park, Chicago.....		2 50			2	4 50
Olney.....					5 20	5 20
First, Pekin.....					11 75	11 75
Second, ".....	6		11 45			17 45

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Classis of Illinois, (CONTINUED.)						
Second Pella.....	\$ 38 95	\$ 2 22		\$ 48 68	306 80	\$ 386 65
Raritan.....	19 79	13 82		10 60	15	50
Spring Lake.....	9 81		\$ 2		4 40	16 21
Trinity, Chicago.....	52 65			10	8 90	71 55
	\$302 90	\$94 90	\$ 38 45	\$159 28	\$375 06	\$ 870 53
Classis of Iowa.						
Alton.....	\$100	\$ 1 73	\$ 41 25	\$ 12	42 64	\$ 137 62
Bethel.....	21 62	15				36 62
Boyles.....	51	27	5		\$ 25	109
Cammel.....	41 50				2 22	44 72
Churchville.....	8 40					8 40
Clear City.....			4 53			4 53
Finch.....						
Free Grace.....	47				27 60	74 60
Friesland.....						
Holland, Neb.....	36 45	142 30			88 50	367 25
Hoppers.....	2 75				11 00	13 75
Hall.....	46 70	83 64	5		32 25	119 19
Le Mars.....	38 00					38 00
Lector.....	28				24	52
Maple Lake.....						
Maurice.....	37 65		8 03	10	30 30	86 40
Muscataine.....	15 42				9 60	25 02
Newkirk.....	35 65	75 92		5	22	193 48
Orange City.....	95 35	193 16	7	88 87	87	417 35
First Pella.....	110	46 75	33 97		82 83	272 55
Third ".....	87 50					87 50
Fourth ".....					5	5
Pella, Neb.....	5 03		7		3	15 03
Rock Valley.....	18 50	5	4 50		10	38
Roseland.....	14					14
Rotterdam.....						
Sheldon.....						
Silver Creek.....	10					10
Sioux Center.....	112 51	98 72	7 65		113 84	326 58
	\$943 82	\$638 22	\$123 96	\$ 60 57	\$682 86	\$2444 77
Classis of Kingston.						
Bloomington.....	\$ 12 20				\$ 26 30	\$ 40 50
The Clove.....	49 68	\$ 49 75		\$ 9	21 68	300 81
Danville Falls.....		9 36		13	44 25	65 61
Gardiner.....	4		12	4		20
Gullford.....	58 35	66 22			53 50	153 06
Hartley.....	17 09				39 15	56 24
Kingston, Fair St.....	2					2
Kinsville.....						
Lyonville.....	14 65	5			27	46 65
Marbletown.....	4 01					4 01
New Paltz.....	121 04			22 50	35 50	289 04
Roschester.....	31 15	4 25	1	5		41 41
Rosendale.....				1 50		1 50
St. Remy.....		5				5
Classical Union.....					6	6
	\$309 19	\$139 52	\$ 13	\$ 55	\$355 58	\$ 572 35
North Classis of Long Island.						
Jamaica.....	\$114 98			\$ 13 76	\$ 96 15	\$ 221 89
Newtown.....	31 65	30		15		66 65

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North Classis of Long Island. (CONTINUED.)						
Oyster Bay.....	\$ 27 98	\$ 17 32	\$ 3 11	\$ 48 41
North Hempstead.....	12 00	\$ 5	7 60	6	30 06
Williamsburg.....	.....	80	1	.....	185	216
Astoria.....	28 59	10	.....	10 15	18	66 74
Flushing.....	56 49	51 12	.....	22 80	17	147 41
Kent St., Brooklyn.....	106 94	.....	.....	17 87	35	159 81
South Bushwick.....	35 00	.....	.....	25	80	140
Second Astoria.....	24	15	.....	.....	6	45
East Williamsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queens.....	88 81	77 84	.....	10 65	50 84	178 14
German Evang., Brooklyn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sayville.....	16 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 70
Locust Valley.....	.....	5	.....	7 50	.....	12 50
College Point.....	63 44	80	.....	10	8 50	161 94
First Long Island City.....	20 55	3 08	.....	2 50	27	53 13
Bushwick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German Evang., Jamaica.....	15	11 36	.....	.....	.....	26 36
Hicksville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Second, Newtown, German.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Steinway.....	243	.....	.....	3 40	.....	246 40
Church of Jesus, Brooklyn.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
New Hyde Park.....	.....	4 72	.....	.....	2	6 72
Sunnyside, L. I. City.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 74	17 74
	\$855 13	\$825 44	\$6	\$148 84	\$551 23	\$1886 64
South Classis of Long Island.						
First, Brooklyn.....	\$424 46	.....	.....	.....	\$284	\$ 708 46
First, Flatbush.....	873 03	.....	\$ 60	.....	116 50	1049 53
Grace Chapel.....	21	.....	.....	\$ 13	12	46
New Utrecht.....	777 92	\$188 85	20	20	184	1140 77
Gravesend.....	58 40	52 90	.....	5	221 50	337 80
Flatlands.....	48 91	72 25	.....	25	51 55	197 71
New Lots.....	188 24	.....	100	15	.....	248 24
East New York.....	54 63	6	.....	20	67	147 63
South Brooklyn.....	32	50	.....	17	86	185
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	67 11	25	.....	.....	145	237 11
North, Brooklyn.....	32 70	2 17	.....	14	10	56 87
On the Heights, Brooklyn.....	1073 15	.....	.....	.....	290 50	1363 65
Bethany Chapel.....	.....	.....	80	.....	10	90
New Brooklyn.....	40	.....	.....	.....	2	42
Second, Flatbush.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Canarsie.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Bedford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, W. I.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocean Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edgewood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75
Ridgewood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood Heights.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	2 85	6 10
Bay Ridge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 53	18 53
	\$3659 80	\$347 17	\$260	\$129	\$1582 43	\$5978 40
Classis of Michigan.						
Britton.....	\$ 2 50	.....	.....	\$ 1	.....	\$ 3 50
Centerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 20	20
Constantine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
De Spelder.....	1 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 02
Grace, Grand Rapids.....	8 25	8 25
Second, Grand Haven.....	29 78	34 88	1	65 06
First, Grand Rapids.....	19 79	18 48	38 27

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Hope, Holland.....	\$ 31 18	\$ 41			\$ 9 37	\$ 81 55
Second, Kalamazoo.....	65 63			\$ 15	40 66	191 19
Macon.....	5 50			7 50		7 50
Second, Muskegon.....	5 50					6 50
North Bend.....	1 61					1 61
South Macon.....						
	145 47	75 88	\$ 19 79	28 50	89 41	355 05
Classis of Menomonee.						
First, Freehold.....	25		30		31 25	86 25
Bondel.....	39 50	38 57		12 75	64 97	153 69
Middletown.....	22 57			5	60	88 57
Second, Freehold.....	181 26	64 60			41	286 86
Leysport.....					7	7
Long Branch.....						
Old's Neck.....	20 07				14 76	34 83
Highlands.....						
Lebery Park.....	20	10			6 75	36 75
Classical Union.....					17 43	17 43
	309 40	118 07	30	17 75	241 16	711 38
Classis of Montgomery.						
Amsterdam, First.....	27	38 28			30 10	95 38
Trinity.....	11 20				9 76	21 06
Andersville.....	9				8 85	17 85
Casa Jobarte.....	54 04				40 83	94 87
Cleora.....						
Columbia.....	5				1 40	6 40
Crimsonville.....						
Carrytown.....	30 10	55	10		14 60	55 25
Chenabab.....			3			3
Florida.....					9	9
Fonda.....	81 41	10	15		57 65	164 06
Fort Herkimer.....						
Fort Plain.....	64 23	10			45 28	120 16
Fultonville.....	80	50	10			140
Glen.....	14 70					14 70
Hagaman.....	8 30				5 50	13 79
Herkimer.....	51 91	23 51		16 84	30 75	123 01
Johnstown.....	12 25			1 30	2	15 65
Manheim.....						
Mapletown.....	5 04					5 04
Mohawk.....	7 50			5	40	52 50
Newburg.....						
Owasco.....	8 65			4		12 65
Owasco Outlet.....	5 56				5	10 52
Point Rock.....						
St. Johnsville.....	10			4 84	18 05	32 89
Speakers.....	7 67			1 50	13	22 17
Stone Arabia.....	11					11
First, Syracuse.....	41 21			30	145 64	217 55
Second.....	4 83	1 60		8	15	20 51
Thousand Islands.....	4 77				21	25 77
Ulen.....	145 88				156 30	299 68
West Leyden.....	3 75	9	10	2 25	5	30
Classical Union.....					17 45	17 45
	708 23	133 08	30	111 23	692 01	1650 60
Classis of Newark.						
Belleville.....	48 08	18 25	2 50	23 25	70 08	169 66
First, Newark.....					225	225
Livington.....	2 50			11 07		13 57
N. Y. Ave., Newark.....	4 13	53 32		18 77	181 37	211 55
Parkside.....	47 90	1 50			66 17	115 66

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Classis of Newark. (CONTINUED)						
North Newark.....	\$3847 90	\$278 02	\$1600	\$22 50	\$1307 20	\$7050 62
West ".....						
Clinton Avenue, Newark.....	497 60	65		15	574 05	1151 65
Trinity, Newark.....	6 35	30 60		11 74	40	88 69
Linden.....		9 12				9 12
Christ, Newark.....				3 50	39	42 50
Stone House Plains.....	40			11 10	10	61 10
East Orange.....	559 15	30			75 74	664 89
Trinity, Plainfield.....	195 61	68		18 85	92 88	364 84
German, ".....	5					5
Montclair Heights.....	7 59		6 89	4 52		19
Classical Union.....					7 18	7 18
	5265 76	538 90	1609 89	140 46	2645 53	10900 08
Classis of N. Brunswick.						
First, New Brunswick.....	130 69	150	15	20	160 60	476 29
Six Mile Run.....	229 91	2 85		8 72	182 50	423 98
Hillsborough.....	41 95				122 24	164 19
Middlebush.....	62 27			2 50	6	70 77
Griggstown.....	12 72			3 25	23 85	38 82
Second, New Brunswick.....	314				466 20	780 20
Bound Brook.....	29 01			5	26 50	60 51
Third, New Brunswick.....	29 05					29 05
East Millstone.....	11 56			1 50	38 63	51 69
Metuchen.....	114 96				96 99	211 95
Suydam St., N. Brunswick.....	77 36	50 80	30		665 13	823 09
Highland Park.....	5				18 25	23 25
Spotswood.....	30				1 16	31 16
Classical Union.....					17 22	17 22
	1088 48	203 65	45	40 97	1824 67	3202 77
Classis of New York.						
Collegiate.....	5642 37	257 35	75	11 03	2125 27	8111 02
Thirty-fourth Street.....	75	50		4 25	30	159 25
Knox Memorial Chapel.....	95 73			3 91	4 80	104 44
Vermilye Chapel.....						
Harlem Collegiate.....	283 36	520		57 63	280 87	1141 86
South.....	975 24				180	1155 24
Manor Chapel.....	10	30		15	30	85
Staten Island.....	141 92	135	5	34	84	399 92
Bloomingdale.....				15		15
Madison Avenue.....	2231 93	50		120	1619 66	4021 59
German Evangelical.....	50	15				65
Huguenot.....	10					10
Mott Haven.....	16 43	45 27		15	60	136 70
Union, High Bridge.....	148 28	14 88	48	32 20	75 50	318 96
Fourth, German.....	35	74 92		21 75	5	136 67
Prospect Hill.....						
Avenue B, German.....	100			5		105
Brighton Heights.....	15 65	25		14 40	57 58	112 63
Norfolk Street, German.....	19					19
Kreischerville.....						
Grace.....	13 40	65			63	141 40
Hamilton Grange.....	40			25 64	86 25	151 89
Church of the Comforter.....	6			5 79	5 74	17 53
	9909 31	1282 42	128	380 69	4707 67	16408 09
Classis of Orange.						
Berea.....	12				3	15
Bloomburgh.....	24 96	5 77			14 42	45 15
Ca'llicoan.....	1					1

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Classis of Orange. (CONTINUED.)						
Clarville.....						
Cuddebackville.....	\$ 8 40	\$ 20		\$ 1 25		\$ 24 65
Deer Park.....	195	50		15	\$ 10	370
Ellenville.....	62 65	5 75		15	33	116 40
Fallsburgh.....	53 25	6	\$ 8		18 35	80 60
Grahamsville.....	6 25					6 25
Kerhonkson.....				1 50		1 50
Mamakating.....					1	1
Mt. Pleasant.....						
Montgomery.....	384 68		18		18 50	416 18
Newburgh.....	24 60	61		10	100	195 60
New Hurley.....	42 96					42 96
New Prospect.....	37 55	8 35		6 28	56 50	108 68
Port Jervis, Second.....	8 58					8 58
Shawangunk.....	7 56	3 06		1	5	16 64
Unionville.....	1 03					1 03
Walden.....	149 88	17		5	25	196 88
Wallkill Valley.....	38 50	5		5	32	80 50
Wapack, Upper.....	2 50					2 50
Wapack, Lower.....						
Wawarsing.....					5	5
Classical Union.....					8 70	8 70
	1055 85	181 95	81	45 03	330 47	1644 30
Classis of Paramus.						
Acquanckanonck.....	476 62	200	50	10	329 48	1066 10
Centerville.....	5	8	4	10 15		27 15
Clarkstown.....	21 47	13 82			10	45 29
Clifton.....	32 97			20		52 97
Garfield.....						
Glen Rock.....						
Hawthorne.....						
Lodi, First Holland.....	18					18
" Second.....		3 26		2 48		5 74
Nyack.....	142 13	50 36		22 50	311 50	526 49
Paramus.....	28 86	14 68	66 24		26 53	186 81
Pascack.....	19 56			7 75	33 79	61 10
Passaic, First, Holland.....	11 65	12				23 65
" North.....	311 71	51		95 46	158 65	616 82
Paterson, Broadway.....	77 24	5 90		20	120	223 14
" First, Holland.....	20		35			55
" North.....						
" Second.....	38 85	17 70			70	126 55
Piermont.....	44 61	29 87			38	112 48
Ramapo.....				5	24 80	29 80
Ramseys.....						
Ridgewood.....	17 26	15	20	20	43	115 26
Saddle River.....	9 80					9 80
Spring Valley.....	56 55	20 44		10	87 41	174 40
Tappan.....	6 37				35	41 37
Warwick.....	810 05	54		25	116 33	505 38
West New Hempstead.....	26 61	10 28				36 89
Wortendyke, Holland.....	5					5
Classical Union.....					162	162
	1680 31	506 31	175 24	248 34	1566 49	4176 69
Classis of Passaic.						
Boonton.....	16 45		1	11 51	56	84 96
Fairfield.....	43 16	60			19 82	122 98
First Little Falls.....		9 54		9	63	80 54
Second.....	18 30		4			22 30
Montville.....	20	15		70		105
Sixth, Holland.....	36 63	45 15				81 78

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Classis of Passaic. (CONTINUED.)						
People's Park.....	\$ 20					\$ 20
Pompton.....	101 75			\$ 18 86	\$ 61 72	182 33
" Plains.....	181 38	\$ 27 10		12 50	36 00	197 58
Ponds.....						
Preakness.....	19 27			1 80	27 40	48 47
Riverside, Paterson.....	23 15	20		5	8	51 15
First Totowa.....	220 15	17 20		10		247 35
Union.....	63					63
Wyckoff.....	38	9 80		9 65	25 45	82 90
	641 24	203 79	5	148 32	291 99	1390 34
Classis of Philadelphia.						
North and Southampton.....	128 92	38 33				167 25
Harlingen.....	1 00				52	53
Neshanic.....	51 58	54		20	32 07	157 65
First, Philadelphia.....	98 59	28 25		10	62 46	219 30
Second, ".....	32 69				4	36 69
Fourth, ".....	77 56			10	8	95 56
Blawenburgh.....	14 91	27 52		4	33 44	79 87
Stanton.....	16 72					16 72
Clover Hill.....	7	5				12
Rocky Hill.....	45 58	5		11 50	10	72 08
Fifth, Philadelphia.....	50	8 25	35			93 25
Addisville.....	69 73	8 00		22 57	7 85	108 15
Three Bridges.....	22 25	31 12			6	59 37
Talmage Memorial.....	11 82	35			1 44	47 76
South, Philadelphia.....						
Classical Conference.....					13 81	13 81
	627 85	240 47	35	78 07	250 57	1231 96
Classis of Pleasant Prairie.						
Alexander.....						
Aplington.....	4 92					4 92
Balleville.....	60					60
Baker.....	7 40					7 40
Bethel.....	2 61					2 61
Buffalo Center.....						
Cromwell Center.....	4 25				4 55	8 80
Ebenezer.....	52					52
Elim.....	6 20					6 20
Forreston.....	36 79			12 35		49 14
Hope.....	6 51					6 51
Immanuel.....	52 09					52 09
Monroe, Iowa.....	46 45					46 45
" S. Dak.....	9 50					9 50
North, Sibley.....	19 71					19 71
Parkersburg.....	113 19	20 15			32	165 34
Peoria.....	8 70	9 75			10	26 45
Ramsay.....	10					10
Salem.....	4 38					4 38
Silver Creek.....	162 42				25	187 42
Washington.....	11 50	5				16 50
Zion.....	10 15					10 15
South, Little Rock.....	10					10
	638 77	34 90		12 35	71 55	757 57
Poughkeepsie.						
First, Poughkeepsie.....	616 74	50			307 09	966 83
Second, ".....	317 91			70	370	757 91
Fishkill.....	41 83	13 64			33 07	88 54

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Classis of Poughkeepsie. (CONTINUED.)						
Hopewell.....	\$ 88 78				\$ 89 03	\$ 72 76
New Hackensack.....	49 11				78	127 11
Rhinebeck.....	100 98	\$ 30		\$ 10 17	48	189 15
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	95 85			10 80	90	196 65
Hyde Park-on-Hudson.....	43	14		88 65		140 65
Glenham.....	15 37					15 37
Cold Spring.....	2 75					2 75
Millbrook.....	186 89		\$ 40	10	32	218 89
Classical Conference.....					4 50	4 50
	1454 16	107 64	40	184 62	994 69	2781 11
Classis of Raritan.						
First, Raritan.....	144 35	40			100	284 35
Readington ...	26 36	15 26	1	8 35	57 50	103 47
Bedminster.....	143 71	50		15	64 40	273 11
Lebanon.....	31	4 85				35 85
Rockaway.....	8 67				22 76	26 43
North Branch.....	52 07	15 42			116 50	183 99
Second, Raritan.....	166 96	88 72			106 67	362 35
Peapack.....	20 25	9			25	54 25
South Branch.....	39	10 55			56	105 55
Third, Raritan.....	91 12	66 52		2 93	93 10	253 67
Pottersville.....	28 28					28 28
High Bridge.....	10					10
Annandale.....	15			13 59	25	53 59
Fourth, Raritan.....	10					10
Roycefield.....				12 50		12 50
Third Raritan and South Branch.....			50			50
	781 77	300 32	51	47 37	666 93	1847 39
Classis of Rensselaer.						
Bath-on-Hudson.....		8			31 52	39 52
Blooming Grove.....	24 41				17 14	41 55
Castleton.....	15					15
Chatham.....	122 37	100		17 50	111 95	351 82
First, Ghent.....	27	14		22	103 86	145 03
Second, ".....	14	20			4 64	38 64
Greenbush.....	25 05			32	11	68 05
Kinderhook.....	500 53	211 78	30	35	25	802 31
Nassau.....	14	4 19			73 40	91 59
New Concord.....						
Schodack.....	10 05	38 31			19 65	68 01
" Landing.....	20				52	72
Stuyvesant.....	42 92			20	36 08	99
" Falls.....	15 47					15 47
Classical Union.....					15 01	15 01
	830 80	396 28	30	104 72	501 25	1863 05
Classis of Rochester.						
Abbe.....	12 70	85 85			19	117 55
Arcadia.....	5				9 60	14 60
Brighton.....	25	24 20		5	15	69 20
Cleveland.....	10	30		5	29 53	74 53
Clymer Hill.....	82 23	22 88		11	27 32	93 43
East Williamson.....	35 81	104 94				140 75
Farmer.....	8 37		15		72 84	96 21
Lodi.....	45	7 72			23	75 72
Marion.....	42 41	66 40			25	133 81
New York Mills.....		5				5
Ontario.....						
Palmyra.....						

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Classis of Rochester. (CONTINUED.)						
Pultneyville.....	\$ 18	\$ 7 87	.....	.....	\$ 18	\$ 36 87
First, Rochester.....	128 28	150	.....	.....	36	314 28
Second, ".....	10	50 71	\$ 10	\$ 1 70	58 18	130 59
Tyre.....	16 50	.....	.....	5	54 50	76
Classical Conference.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 28	8 28
	384 80	555 57	25	27 70	396 25	1398 82
Classis of Saratoga.						
Boght.....	18	.....	.....	.....	6 12	19 12
Buskirks.....	29 99	.....	.....	.....	6	35 99
Cohoes.....	191 04	81 15	.....	.....	52	274 19
Easton.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Fort Miller.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Gansevoort.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 50	14 50
Greenwich.....	74 62	26 38	.....	15	48 44	164 44
Northumberland.....	10	.....	.....	.....	19 84	29 84
Saratoga.....	62 51	.....	.....	6	20 52	89 08
Schaghticoke.....	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50
West Troy, North.....	58 96	.....	10	12	15	90 96
" " South.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Wynantskill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
	479 62	57 52	10	33	187 42	767 57
Classis of Schenectady.						
Altamont.....	11 20	.....	.....	.....	12	23 20
Amity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11
Bellevue.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6
Glenville, First.....	11 11	.....	.....	.....	37	48 11
" Second.....	43 69	30	.....	.....	12	85 09
Helderberg.....	17 68	.....	.....	62	5	23 30
Lisha's Kill.....	5 71	.....	.....	1 30	16	23 01
Mount Pleasant.....	9 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 25
Niskayuna.....	150	44 25	.....	10	43 50	247 75
Princeton.....	9 50	.....	100	.....	25	134 50
Rotterdam, First.....	51 95	.....	.....	.....	26 46	78 41
" Second.....	20 30	3 33	.....	.....	.....	23 63
Schenectady, First.....	210 40	.....	.....	.....	162 15	372 55
" Second.....	25	.....	.....	5 38	42	72 38
Prospect Hill Chapel.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 55	22 55
	568 04	77 58	100	17 30	420 66	1183 58
Classis of Schoharie.						
Beaverdam.....	9 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 10
Berne.....	27 14	.....	.....	10	10	47 14
Breakabeen.....	4 69	1 55	.....	55	6	12 79
Central Bridge.....	4 35	.....	.....	3 68	7	15 08
Cobleskill.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Eminence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallupville.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2
Gilboa.....	8 50	.....	20	.....	8 25	36 75
Howe's Cave.....	10 25	.....	.....	.....	4	14 25
Lawyersville.....	8	.....	.....	.....	20	28
Middleburgh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 50	69 50
Moresville.....	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 50
North Blenheim.....	4 01	.....	.....	.....	3 80	7 81

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y. P. S. C. E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Class of Schoharie. (CONTINUED.)						
Puttville	\$ 9 71					\$ 9 71
Schoharie	8 11	\$ 40	\$ 5			53 11
Sharon	4				\$ 3	6
South Gibson	5					5
Classical Union					6 52	5 52
	126 36	41 55	27	\$14 28	120 07	245 21
Class of Ulster						
Blue Mountain	12 50				3 75	16 25
Church of the Comforter	25 12	22 55			12 80	61 47
Haopus					33 32	33 32
Puttville	10	12		6 80	40 12	68 42
Jay Gould Memorial	71 31			4 20	5	80 51
Katebann	119 50	41 48		41 23	61 00	263 61
Kingston	197 20	78 91		30	202 77	508 68
Port Ewen	44	5			13 85	62 65
Puttville	19 65		5	12 89	12 50	50 04
Saugerties	54 28	30	10		31 81	125 59
Shandaken			5		2 50	7 60
Shokan						
Stewartville					7	7
West Hurley					8	8
Woodstock	13 12					13 12
Classical Union					3 92	3 92
	566 68	189 94	20	94 72	429 44	1310 78
Class of Westchester.						
Belmont						
Bronxville	13 83	26 45		17 41	16	73 65
Cortlandtown		50	5			5 50
Fordham	8 87				285	293 87
Greenburgh						
Greenville	7 76				30	37 76
Hastings	10 63					10 63
Malrose						
Mount Vernon	118 54	34 12		15	181 86	349 52
Park Hill	34 60	10 17		8	78 25	122 32
Puttville	15			1	1	17
Tarrytown, First	110			24 19	151 21	325 40
" Second	70 45	35		6	40	181 45
Valhalla	15 03				3	18 03
West Farms						
Yonkers	29 60	25		5	91	150 60
Classical Union					9 15	9 15
	434 61	131 24	5	86 60	304 47	1551 92
Class of Wisconsin.						
Alto	206 28	9 77			121	387 05
Bethany	38 81	37 98		3 30	33 79	113 89
Cedar Grove	56 88	80	77 75	5	114	385 63
First, Chicago		132 75		5	10	147 75
Kenosha	18 53	20			12	50 53
De Motte						
Ebenezer						
Eaglewood	90			10		100
Franklin						
Fulton	68 10	30 66		6 80	50	155 46
Gano	30 48	1			5	30 48
Gibbsville	181 53	55 02		2 50	141 15	380 16
Greenbush	3 50					3 50
Greenleaf	33 96	10		7 20	63 00	115 15

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board	Total.
Classis of Wisconsin. (CONTINUED)						
Hingham.....	\$ 4 05				\$ 10	\$ 14 05
Hope, Sheboygan.....		\$ 25 65	\$ 60		10	36 25
Kenosha.....						
Koster.....						
Lafayette.....	12					12
Lansing.....	24 10	11 70				35 80
Milwaukee.....	91 56	101	40	\$ 1 75	140	374 31
Oostburg.....	18 53				20	38 53
First, Roseland.....	224 57	3	48 44		40	316 01
Randolph Center.....						
Sheboygan Falls.....					17	17
South Ho land.....	170				36	206
Waupun.....	20 19	13 88			31 38	65 45
Morrison.....	9 90					9 90
Heelyton.....		7				7
Second Milwaukee.....				16		16
	1247 95	491 22	166 79	57 55	856 32	2819 83

FROM INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

Misses J. M. Geelhood and Anna Brouwer.....	\$ 2	W. C. Edge	10
Family Mission box, Mrs. W. R. D	20	John S. Voorhees.....	100
Rev. P. G. M. Bähler.....	10	Miss Eleanor C. Heermance....	100
Miss Emma Searle.....	40	Mrs. J. Kearny.....	2
John Wharton.....	100	Rev. Walter T. Scudder... ..	5
Master John Otte.....	50	Rev. F. W. Ruhl.....	6
"Members of Ref. Ch., King- ton, N. Y.".....	200	Jan Poppen.....	6
Rev. Wm. A. Shaw.....	10	Mrs. D. J. Blauvelt.....	10
Rev. H. D. B. Mulford	40	Rev. J. N. Jansen.....	10
Miss Anne R. Slingerland.....	25	For support of Rev. E. C. Scudder	400
Rev. W. Drukker	5	Rev. H. Huizinga.....	10
'Continued'	10	J. H. M., Col. Co., N. Y.....	75
Mrs. Philip Peltz.....	10	Rev. S. W. Mills, D.D.....	15
Sigma.....	200	Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D.....	5
Rev. Evert Westing.....	10	A friend.....	5
Mrs. Kate V. D. Searle.....	10	The Veenker family.....	5
Mrs. T. S. Scott.	10	Rev. John G. Smart.....	10
A friend of Foreign Missions...	50	A. Van Deuren.....	10
Rev. Wm. H. Steele, D.D.....	572	In memoriam.....	65
Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	12	The Misses Van Wagenen.....	20
L. G. E... ..	1	G. S. Huizinga.....	3
Miss Anna W. Pierson.....	30	Sanford E. Cobb.....	50
A friend.....	100	Mr. and Mrs. Phebus Lyon.....	5
A.....	12	Tithe-box	5
Miss Margaret A. Bellinger.....	10	S. H. Williams.....	100
Miss M. B. Labagh.....	10	W. B. Conklin.....	35
Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D.D.....	50	J. J. Janeway.....	296 75
Two sisters.....	51	Cash	1271 85
Churches in Sioux Co., Ia.....	101	Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Dubbink..	35
Ralph Voorhees.....	50	Rev. James E. Bernart.....	5
J. P. H.....	90	Rev. E. R. Atwater.....	50
Mrs. S. M. Letson.....	10	Mrs. S. J. Schermerhorn.....	20
D. Jackson Steward.....	10	"Birthday Gift, March 31".....	100
R. F. Gates.....	100	Rev. and Mrs. H. Van der Ploeg	2 50
H. Van Buren, in memoriam		L. S. Blackwell.....	25
Rev. J. M. Van Buren.....	100	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Enders....	30
Mrs. W. H. Helm, Jr.....	15	"Foreign Missions, per H. L. Harrison".....	5
Rev. James Bolton.....	4	Dr. J. C. Haring.....	5
M. T. Clark.....	10	L. A. Bradley, Esq.....	10
J. C. V.	10	Students, Theol. Sem., New Brunswick, N. J.....	22 66
P. Sietsema.....	5		
Mrs. E. D. Wyncoop.....	5		\$5056 26

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Interest on Bonds, etc.....	\$2,165 52
Mission tent, Holland celebration.....	19 51
Sunday-School, First Congregational Church, Glastonbury, Conn.....	30
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LEGACIES.

Maria Booream.....	\$ 100
Susan A. Elliott.....	3,595 26
Ellen C. Knapp.....	554 26
Peter Covert.....	829 94
Williamson Rapalje.....	3,000
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	\$8,079 48
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GIFTS FOR OBJECTS OUTSIDE THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Memorial Chapel, Leng Soa, balance.....	\$ 500
Special work in China.....	400
Dr. F. T. B. Fest, salary to December 31.....	941 42
Woman's Hospital, Amoy, from the Netherlands.....	1,340
Sending a new missionary family to China.....	990 76
Gudiyatam Village, India.....	85
Theological Student, India.....	100
Chapel building, India.....	400
Proctor's House, Steele College, Nagasaki.....	400
From Woman's Board.....	3,975 81
Sundries	617 06
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	\$9,650 05
For transmission to India for the relief of famine sufferers.....	1,850 63
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RECEIPTS OF CLASSES.

Classes of Synod OF New York.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y. P. S. C. E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Hudson	\$ 585 98	\$194 08	.....	\$116 26	\$ 469 74	\$1,366 06
Kingston.	309 19	139 58	13 00	55 00	355 58	872 35
N. Long Island.....	855 13	323 44	6 00	148 84	551 23	1,886 64
S. Long Island.....	3,659 80	347 17	260 00	129 00	1,582 43	5,978 40
New York.....	9,909 81	1,282 42	128 00	380 69	4,707 67	16,408 09
Orange.....	1,055 85	181 95	31 00	45 03	330 47	1,644 30
Poughkeepsie.....	1,454 16	107 64	40 00	184 62	994 69	2,781 11
Westchester.....	434 61	131 24	5 00	86 60	894 47	1,551 92
Total.....	\$18,264 03	\$2,709 52	\$483 00	\$1,146 04	\$9,886 28	\$32,488 87
Albany.						
Albany.....	1,726 28	112 40	353 00	21 93	1,382 58	3,596 19
Greene.....	629 29	140 09	10 00	129 71	396 93	1,306 02
Montgomery.....	703 33	183 03	20 00	111 23	692 01	1,659 60
Rensselaer.....	830 80	396 28	30 00	104 72	501 23	1,863 05
Rochester.....	384 30	555 57	25 00	27 70	306 23	1,898 82
Saratoga.....	479 62	57 53	10 00	33 00	187 42	767 57
Schenectady.....	563 04	77 58	100 00	17 30	420 66	1,183 58
Schoharie.....	126 36	41 55	27 00	14 23	136 07	345 21
Ulster.....	566 68	189 94	20 00	94 72	439 44	1,310 78
Total.....	\$ 6,014 70	\$ 1,703 97	\$ 595 00	\$ 554 54	\$ 4,552 61	\$13,420 82
New Brunswick.						
Bergen.....	1,274 96	259 72	310 00	82 57	634 40	2,561 65
South Bergen.....	621 18	108 52	35 00	132 40	857 63	1,754 73
Monmouth.....	309 40	113 07	30 00	17 75	241 16	711 38
Newark.....	5,265 76	538 90	1,600 39	140 46	2,645 52	10,200 03
New Brunswick.....	1,088 48	203 65	45 00	40 97	1,324 67	3,202 77
Paramus.....	1,680 31	506 31	175 24	248 34	1,566 49	4,176 69
Pasaic.....	741 24	203 79	5 00	148 32	291 99	1,390 34
Philadelphia.....	627 85	240 47	35 00	78 07	250 57	1,231 96
Raritan.....	781 77	300 32	51 00	47 37	666 93	1,847 39
Total.....	\$12,390 95	\$ 2,474 75	\$ 2,295 63	\$ 936 25	\$ 8,979 36	\$27,076 94
Chicago.						
Dakota.....	268 42	39 10	4 00	10 14	22 80	344 46
Grand River.....	597 77	875 79	112 89	51 82	634 91	2,273 18
Holland.....	659 81	1,100 94	253 66	212 00	538 01	2,764 42
Illinois.....	202 90	94 90	38 45	159 23	375 05	870 53
Iowa.....	943 82	633 22	123 98	60 87	682 88	2,444 77
Michigan.....	146 47	75 88	19 79	23 50	89 41	355 05
Pleasant Prairie.....	638 77	34 90	.....	12 35	71 55	757 57
Wisconsin.....	1,247 95	491 22	166 79	357 55	856 32	2,819 83
Total.....	\$ 4,705 91	\$ 3,345 95	\$ 719 56	\$ 587 46	\$ 3,270 93	\$12,629 81
Grand Total.....	\$41,375 59	\$10,234 19	\$ 4,093 19	\$ 3,224 29	\$26,689 18	\$85,616 44

CLASSICAL
APPORTIONMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

CLASSES.	Apportionment. 1897.	Contributed. 1897-98.	Contributed. 1898-99.	Gain 1897-98.	Loss 1897-98.
Albany.....	\$ 3,000	\$3,596 19	\$3,156 68	\$ 439 56	
Bergen.....	3,300	3,551 85	1,815 54	745 11	
South Bergen.....	3,100	1,754 73	1,843 16		\$ 68 43
Dakota.....	400	344 45	150 16	194 30	
Grand River.....	4,000	3,273 18	2,072 50	300 68	
Greene.....	1,800	1,305 02	1,218 04	92 98	
Holland.....	3,500	2,754 42	3,407 07		652 65
Hudson.....	2,500	1,896 05	1,009 75		343 79
Illinois.....	1,500	870 52	887 21		16 69
Iowa.....	3,000	2,444 77	1,971 71	473 06	
Kingston.....	1,500	872 35	808 18	64 17	
North Long Island.....	4,800	1,990 64	2,126 15		239 51
South Long Island.....	7,500	5,972 40	5,064 59	918 81	
Michigan.....	1,000	355 08	635 18		380 13
Monmouth.....	1,500	711 88	710 49	39	
Montgomery.....	4,000	1,659 60	1,078 05		19 35
Newark.....	7,500	10,200 08	8,498 15	1,702 93	
New Brunswick.....	3,800	3,302 77	2,592 07	610 70	
New York.....	21,000	16,408 09	17,667 01		1,259 92
Orange.....	3,800	1,644 80	1,032 98		48 85
Paramus.....	4,750	4,176 69	4,361 84		185 19
Passaic.....	2,000	1,390 24	1,222 12	168 22	
Philadelphia.....	2,700	1,221 96	1,254 87		29 51
Pleasant Prairie.....	750	757 57	597 02	159 55	
Poughkeepsie.....	3,800	2,781 11	2,788 75		7 67
Raritan.....	3,500	1,847 80	2,103 31		355 51
Rensselaer.....	2,500	1,802 05	1,774 25	28 80	
Rochester.....	1,800	1,398 82	1,329 30	59 52	
Saratoga.....	1,500	767 57	558 03	208 59	
Schenectady.....	2,500	1,185 54	1,174 05	9 53	
Schoharie.....	800	345 21	237 41	107 80	
Ulster.....	2,650	1,310 73	1,105 47	305 31	
Westchester.....	2,750	1,551 02	1,624 68	27 04	
Wisconsin.....	4,000	2,619 63	2,490 69	329 14	
Total.....	\$ 120,000	\$85,616 44	\$82,134 76	\$ 6,812 94	\$3,280 68

Net gain 1897-98.....\$3,491 68.

RECEIPTS OF THE BOARD SINCE 1857, IN PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS, WITH TOTALS AND AVERAGES.

YEARS.	RECEIPTS.	TOTALS FOR FIVE YEARS.	AVERAGE FOR FIVE YEARS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1858....	\$16,076 87				
1859....	25,034 61				
1860....	30,181 58				
1861....	34,159 26				
1862....	28,603 17				
		\$134,055 49	\$26,811 10		
1863....	42,257 36				
1864....	35,391 18				
1865....	82,038 22				
1866....	55,783 75				
1867....	*63,030 89				
		278,501 40	55,700 28	\$28,889 18	
1868....	53,472 91				
1869....	81,410 38				
1870....	57,342 94				
1871....	71,125 52				
1872....	65,173 26				
		328,525 01	65,705 00	10,004 72	
1873....	83,948 61				
1874....	55,352 95				
1875....	54,249 95				
1876....	64,342 91				
1877....	58,152 53				
		316,046 95	63,209 37	.....	\$2,495 63
1878....	69,085 87				
1879....	58,443 49				
1880....	63,185 71				
1881....	92,984 32				
1882....	58,184 71				
		341,884 10	68,376 82	5,167 45	
1883....	65,284 58				
1884....	76,955 23				
1885....	88,131 04				
1886....	86,386 55				
1887....	86,787 02				
		403,544 42	80,708 88	12,332 06	
1888....	†109,946 11				
1889....	93,142 24				
1890....	117,090 14				
1891....	116,265 45				
1892....	112,163 59				
		548,607 53	109,721 50	29,012 62	
1893....	136,688 10				
1894....	106,571 48				
1895....	105,506 72				
1896....	147,156 65				
1897....	105,666 61				
		601,589 56	120,317 91	10,596 41	
1898....	109,244 79				

* In addition \$56,500 were given by Mr. Warren Ackerman to remove the debt resting on the Board.

† In addition \$45,335.06 were given for the Endowment of the Theological Seminary in the Arcot Mission, through the efforts of Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D.

The total amount given since 1857 is \$3,163,814.31.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, in account with PETER DONALD,
Treasurer, for the year ending April 30, 1898.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DR.		CR.	
To Cash paid on account of Amoy Mission.....		By Balance brought forward, May 1, 1897.....	\$18,869 26
" " " Arcot Mission.....		Cash from collections, individuals and miscellaneous sources.....	89,450 26
" " " North Japan Mission....		Cash from legacies.....	8,079 48
" " " South Japan Mission....		Cash from interest on the Security Fund.....	2,065 00
To Home Expenses:		Cash from sales of Missionary Map.....	70 08
Salaries.....	\$4,700 00	George B. Walbridge Fund.....	4,955 04
Rent and care of Office.....	976 80	Due on account of gifts for objects outside the appropriations, May 1, 1898.....	2,629 37
Account books and stationery.....	133 35	Due on account of loans, May 1, 1898.....	19,136 10
Missionary boxes.....	73 46	Due on account of acceptances, May 1, 1898.....	8,972 79
The Mission Field.....	630 99		
Printing Annual Report.....	408 16		
Printing Leaflets.....	365 75		
Traveling.....	257 70		
Postage.....	212 57		
Legal expenses.....	95 00		
Typewriter and supplies.....	72 50		
Fuel and light.....	45 24		
Sundries.....	136 71		
Due on account of loans, May 1, 1897.....	8,147 23		
" " " acceptances May 1, 1897.....	17,612 10		
" " " gifts for objects outside the appro- priations, May 1, 1897.....	12,168 58		
Cash paid interest on loans.....	4,907 61		
Securities of George B. Walbridge Fund.....	1,048 65		
Balance on hand carried to new account.....	1,075 00		
	7,701 04		
	<u>\$154,227 87</u>		<u>\$154,227 87</u>
SECURITY FUND.		LIABILITIES.	
This consists of		Loans.....	
29 First Mortgage Bonds, Illinois Central R. R. Co.. \$29,000	Par value.	Accrued interest on loans.....	\$19,136 10
6 " " Lehigh Valley Ry. Co..... 6,000		Acceptances.....	119 44
12 " " West Shore R. R. Co..... 12,000		Balance of gifts for objects outside the appropriations	8,972 79
6 General Mortgage Bonds, Central N. J. R. R. Co. 6,000		George B. Walbridge Fund, cash.....	2,629 37
		Less balance on hand.....	3,880 04
			<u>\$84,787 74</u>
			<u>7,701 04</u>
			<u>\$92,488 78</u>

JUNE, 1898.

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ARABIAN MISSION RECEIPTS.

MAY 1, 1897, to APRIL 30, 1898.

SYNDICATE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Thomas Russell.....\$ 25	Mrs. Jacob S. Wyckoff.. .....\$100
Rev. T. H. P. Saller..... 100	I. Cappon..... 100
Mrs. Sarah Welling..... 100	

SYNDICATE OF SIXTY DOLLARS.

John Wharton.....	60
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SYNDICATE OF FIFTY DOLLARS.

H. P. Cortelyou..... 50	Miss Emily D. Sumner..... 50
Peter Lott..... 50	Miss Sarah F. Sumner..... 50
L.M.S., Madison Av., Albany, N.Y 50	Mrs. E. N. Collier..... 50

SYNDICATE OF THIRTY DOLLARS.

Miss M. and Miss H. Zwemer.... 30	Frederick Frelinghuysen..... 30
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SYNDICATE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

Miss Lily N. Duryee..... 25	Rev. A. Zwemer..... 25
Rev. Lewis Francis..... 25	Miss N. Zwemer..... 50
Hon. Henry Hospers..... 18 75	D. W. Hunt..... 25
The Misses Merry..... 25	H. Kremers, M. D..... 25
Rev. H. D. B. Mulford..... 25	Albert G. Bogert, Nyack, N. Y.. 25
Y.P.S.C.E., Stone Ridge, N. Y... 25	Union Y.P.S.C E., W.Nyack, N.Y 12 50

SYNDICATE OF TWENTY DOLLARS.

Peter Cortelyou..... 20	"Catekill, N. Y."..... 25
Rev. Peter Crispell..... 20	Y.L.M.B., 1st Orange City, Ia... 25
Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D..... 25	Rev J. F. Zwemer..... 20
Rev. Geo. D. Hulst, Ph.D..... 20	Miss Sarah B. Reynolds..... 20

SYNDICATE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D..... 15	Y.P.S.C.E., Spring Lake, Mich.. 7 50
Dr. B. H. B. Sleght..... 18 75	

SYNDICATE OF TWELVE DOLLARS.

Mrs. John Ten Hope.....	9
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SYNDICATE OF TEN DOLLARS.

Rev. James L. Amerman.....	10	S. H. Joldersma.....	12 50
Miss K. H. Cantine.....	10	Frest. G. J. Kollen, LL.D.....	10
Rev. J. P. De Jong.....	10	L. M. S., Grand Haven, Mich ...	10
Miss Mary S. Dougherty.....	10	Mrs. John B. Pike.....	10
Miss Susan R. Duryee.....	10	Rev. D. L. Pierson.....	10
Rev. A. S. Freeman, D.D.....	10	Rev. W. W. Schomp.....	10
Mrs. Anna G. Frisbee	10	A. H. Strabbing.....	10
Rev. G. W. Furbeck.....	15	Rev. A. Vennema.....	10
Rev. John G. Gebhard.....	10	Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	10
John Glysteen.....	10	Y.P.S.C.E., Mott Haven, N.Y. City	10
Miss Caroline Gridley.....	10	Rev. F. J. Zwemer.....	10
A. W. Hopeman, A....	10	Mrs. Mary H. Hine.....	10
Rev. J. N. Jansen.....	10	G. T. Linde.....	10
Rev. J. P. Searle, D.D.....	15	Dirk Landaal.....	10
Henry A. Dawson, Esq.....	10	W. Hoboken Chapel Infant Class	5

SYNDICATE OF EIGHT DOLLARS.

Rev. W. H. Boocock.....	4	Clayton Demarest.....	8
Rev. Isaac J. Van Hee	8		

SYNDICATE OF FIVE DOLLARS.

The Misses Abeel.....	5	Rev. George G. Selbert.....	5
Miss Elizabeth Anderson.....	5	Rev. A. Stegeman.....	3 75
Rev. E. J. Blekkink.....	5	Rev. E. Tilton, Jr.....	5
E. J. Bogert.....	5	Rev. J. A. Thomson.....	5
John Boon.....	5	M. Vandevelde.....	5
Cheerful Workers, Holland, Albany, N. Y.....	10	Miss A. T. Van Santvoord	5
Miss E. M. Crowell.....	5	Mrs. W. Van Beynum.....	5
Mrs. H. T. Dernel.....	5	Miss Gertrude E. Williams.....	5
William Geurink.....	5	Miss Emma Williams.....	5
Rev. A. J. Hageman	5	Y.P.S.C.E., Little Falls, N. J....	5
Rev. G. H. Hospers.....	5	Y.P.S.C.E., Manhasset, N.Y	5
Mrs. C. M. Hutchings.....	5	T. H. Oltmans ...	5
J. S. Jemison.....	5	G. H. Dubbink.....	5
John Kloot.....	5	C. Verschure.....	5
Miss Ka'e Lang.....	7 50	Christian Walvoord.....	5
Miss Juliet McCurrell.....	5	Edward De Jonge.....	5
Mrs. H. J. Mentink.....	5	W. L. Vanderwalle..	5
Mrs. E. E. Olcott.....	10	Mrs. J. J. Beattie	5
W. J. Overocker.....	5	Look Up Circle, Second.....	
Rev. P. T. Phelps.....	6 25	Rochester, N. Y.....	5
Mrs. Joseph Scadder.....	5	Rev. T. W. Mullenberg.....	5
Pres. Ch. L. Soc., Blauvelt, N. Y.....	2 50	Miss Hila B. Terbell....	5

SYNDICATE OF TWO AND ONE-HALF DOLLARS.

Mrs. E. W. Dunham.....	2 50
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SYNDICATE OF TWO DOLLARS.

Mrs. Margaret Kager....	2	S. Strietema.....	2
J. B. Huenink.....	2		

SYNDICATE OF ONE DOLLAR.

Mrs M. Van Steenbergh.....	1	Mrs. J. De Jonge.....	1
James E. Van Aken.....	1	Miss Helen Verplanck	1

SYNDICATE OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Cornelius Dosker.....	10	Dr. Benjamin Pyle.....	5
B. Dosker.....	5	D. C. Steketee.....	5
Mrs. N. H. Dosker	5	P. J. Steketee.....	5
John Dumes.....	5	P. P. Steketee....	5
F. J. Michmershuizer.....	5	H. P. Witman.....	2 50

SYNDICATE OF WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH, N. Y. CITY.

L. H. Beers.....	5	Miss Catherine Wood.....	5
Mrs. Henry E. Cobb.....	10	Mrs. T. C. Wood.....	5
Rev. Henry E. Cobb.....	20	C. H. Tucker, Jr.....	5
J. V. D. Card.....	5	Mrs. Chas. Harriman.....	5
W. C. Giffing.....	5	Mrs. Chas. Bell.....	5
W. P. Glenney.....	5	Miss Stella A. Bell.....	5
Lewis Johnson.....	10	Mrs. Chas. H. Dederer.....	5
Walter J. McIndoe.....	5	Chas. Siedler.....	10
Sunday-school.....	5	Chas. W. Miller.....	5
Infant Class.....	5	Mrs. William Williams.....	4
John Tatlock.....	5	Dr. Anna W. Williams.....	5
Miss Mary R. Greenwood.....	25	Mrs. O. E. Cobb..	5
Miss Jessie Wood.....	5	Miss Eliza P. Cobb.....	5

SYNDICATE OF FIRST CHURCH, SOMERVILLE, N. J.

Miss K. A. Grigg.....	1	Ladies Missionary Society.....	5
Mrs. J. N. B. Ten Eyck.....	3	Mrs. William Potter.....	3
Mrs. S. Ten Eyck.....	3	H. M. and S. E. Jamison.....	3
Rev. W. S. Cranmer.....	5	Mrs. C. R. Talmage.....	3
Mrs. J. S. Haines.....	1	Mrs. R. Disbrough.....	1
Mrs. Abram Huff.....	2	Mrs. J. H. Mattison...	1
Mrs. M. Jelliffe.....	5	A. P. Sutphen.	1
Mrs. M. Langstroth.....	1	Mrs. George Sanborn.....	1
Miss K. Van Nostrand..		.25	

SYNDICATE OF CHURCH, MT. VERNON, N. Y.

Frederick P. DeWitt.....	5	Thomas L. Paskett.....	10
Miss Belle McIntosh.....	10	Mrs. David Pearson ...	5
Church Collections.....	15 83	Rev. F. S. Scudder.....	25
Mrs. W. E. Ormond.....	5	Chas. W. Van Court.....	5
Miss A. C. Pearson.....		5	

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SYNDICATE OF SECOND CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J..... 84 76

SYNDICATE OF GRACE CHAPEL, FLATBUSH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Rev. W. H. Boocock.....	1	Miss Susan Ferris.....	2
Mrs. Cronin.....	2	Mrs. G. L. Vanderbilt.....	1
Mrs. Clifford.....	1	Miss Mary Williams	1
Mr. Magalhães.....	1		

SYNDICATE OF FIRST CHURCH, JAMAICA, N. Y.

Ladies' Missionary Society.....	10	Mrs. M. Margaret Phraner.....	1
Junior C. E. Society.....	5	Miss Olive Phraner... ..	1
Miss M. K. Vedder.....	1	Miss Emily A. Skinner... ..	1
Chas. S. Skinner.....	1		

SYNDICATE OF CHURCH, CATSKILL, N. Y.

Mrs. William Donahue.....	1	Mrs. Isaac Pruyn.....	5
The Misses Hopkins.....	3 50	Mrs. J. Malcolm.....	1
The Misses Salisbury	1	Miss H. D. Stores.....	50
Miss S. L. Pruyn.	2	Mrs. W. I. Jennings.....	1
Miss S. Willard.....	1	Miss A. Van Orden... ..	1
Miss M. L. Van Orden....	1	Mrs J. D. Abreet.....	1

SYNDICATE OF ARABIAN MISS. ASS'N, MILWAUKEE, WIS. 40

SYNDICATE OF CLASS '97, THEOL. SEM., NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Rev. R. A. Lansing.....	5	Rev. Chas. M. Dixon.....	5
Rev. Edward I. McNally	3	Rev. Walter T. Scudder.....	5

SYNDICATE OF FIRST CHURCH, FLATBUSH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Wells.....	20	Chas. H. Randall.....	1
Robert T. B. Easton	5	Mrs. E. A. Martense.....	10
Mrs. Garrit Stryker.....	5	Miss Lemian Suydam.....	2
William Cronin.....	5	Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Maynard....	2
William H. Allgeo	5	Alex. Stott.....	2
William S. Colver.	5	Mrs. J. L. Zabriskie.....	5
John Z. Lott.....	5	Warren Cruikshank.....	10
Mrs. John Z. Lott.....	5	William Williamson....	5
John H. Ditmars.....	5	Mrs. Wm. H. Story.....	10
E. P. Maynard.....	5	A. Huhn.....	3
Mrs. Henry Lyles ..	25	Chas. S. Glover	5
Theo. B. Lott.....	5	Wm. G. Longmire.....	5

SYNDICATE OF CLOVE CHURCH, HIGH FALLS, N. Y.

Rev. H. Hageman.	2	Moses S. Davis.....	1
Arthur Church.....	5	Frank Krom.....	1
Miss Sarah M. Gray.....	1	Miss Miriam Krom.....	1
Anna Carman.....	1	Miss Sarah Steen.....	1
Jacob L. Snyder.....	5	Simon R. Keator.....	1
John R. Monroe.....	5	Miss Daisy Davis.....	50

SYNDICATE OF SIOUX COUNTY, IOWA 500 35

SYNDICATE OF CHURCH, BELLEVILLE, N. J.

S. J. McCauley.....	10	Miss Annette Van Vorst.....	1
W. B. Fernhead.....	10	Rev. A. Hageman..	2 50
Rev. Aaron Lloyd.....	1	Mrs. Theo. W. Browe.....	1

SYNDICATE OF BETHANY CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

D. F. Plasman.....	2	Miss Jeanie Bays.....	1
J. Lamar.....	3	Peter De Pagter	2
H. Pleune.....	2	Miss Nellie C. Vandenberg.....	1
No Name.....	1		

SYNDICATE OF ARABIAN MISS. ASSN., ZEELAND, MICH 364 25
" " E. C. SCUDDER ARCOT MEMORIAL..... 5
" " 34TH STREET CHURCH, N. Y. CITY..... 58

SYNDICATE OF CHURCH, KATSBAAN, N. Y.

Rev. A. J. Sebring.....	5	Mrs. F. M. Wells.....	1
Mrs. C. C. DeWitt	5	Miss Adeline F. Wells.....	1
Mrs. Chas. Waters	1	Mrs. Stephen Fiero	2
TOTAL.....			\$3651 44

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Mrs. A. L.....\$	5	1st Yonkers, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	40 59
Schenectady, N. Y., Prospect		4th Grand Rapids, Mich.....	10 12
Hill Chapel.....	1 38	4th Grand Rapids, Mich.,	
Mrs. Clinton M. Wisner.....	5	Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 18
1st Muskegon, Mich.....	18 03	1st Pella, Ia., Bible Class.....	10
Hurley, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E. . .	7	Mrs. S. Van Neste.....	20
Walden, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E....	25	Mrs. F. D. S. Scudder.....	5
Miss Elizabeth Frost.....	1 50	Flushing, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E...	8 75
Chas. H. Harris	20	Rev. D. Scholten.....	2
Spring Lake, Mich., Pres. Ch...	8 50	Mr. Pleune.....	2
Brooklyn, N. Y., Bethany Chapel	5	A friend	11
West Leyden, N. Y., L. A. Soc...	5	9th Grand Rapids, Mich.....	5 65
Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E	5	G. Anvelink.....	5
Rocky Hill, N. J.	5	Anonymous.....	1
Oostburg, Wis., W. M. Ass'n....	7 40	Grandville, Mich.....	6 35
Rev. S. W. Mills, D. D.....	5	Mrs. Danhoff.....	1

Graafschap, Mich.....	10 80	Glabher's children.....	65
Holland, Mich., Christian Ref.		Mr. Strak's children.....	5
9th St.....	15 72	Mr. Hagen's children.....	5
2nd Grand Haven, Mich.....	10	D. Bruin's children.....	4
2nd Grand Rapids, Mich.....	22 40	Miss Anna Boom.....	2
Collections. Rev. S. M. Zwemer.	140 50	W. J. Boon's children.....	5
Mrs. Sohnwendler.....	2	North Western, Chicago, Ill.....	2 75
German Evangelical, Hoboken,		Grandville, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E.	4 40
N. J., Y. P. S. C. E.....	3	K. Vegter.....	5
From a friend.....	100	Mrs. P. Dalenberg.....	5
Greenleafston, Minn.....	14 50	Holland, Mich., Christian Ref.,	
Greenleafston, Minn., Sr.....		Y. P. S. C. E.....	4 30
Catechumens.....	5 50	6th Grand Rapids, Mich., S. S....	2 00
Chatham, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	4	Miss Margaret A. Bellinger.....	5
Alton, Ia., W. B. S.....	12	Englewood, Ill., and friends....	40
Mrs. John Porter.....	1	A Lover of the Work.....	10
2d Grand Rapids, Mich.....	10	4th Grand Rapids, Mich.....	3 50
Jacob H. Hoagland.....	1	Zeeland, Mich.....	110
Middlebush, N. J.....	27	Bethany, Ia., W. M. S.....	1
Franklin, Wis.....	8 22	In Memoriam James Lansing	
Cedar Grove, Wis., W. M. S....	15	Veeder.....	25
Widow Stronks.....	10	Gano, Ill.....	12 12
Mrs. N. F. Pot.....	2	1st Holland, Mich., Y. P. S.....	3 50
Oostburg, Wis.....	15 73	A Grand Haven lady.....	1 50
Hingham, Wis.....	7 47	New Era, Mich.....	15 70
A friend.....	25	Overleol, Mich.....	50
N. Y. City, Marble Collegiate,		The De Jong Sisters.....	1
Y. P. M. Fund.....	175	Bethel, Ia.....	2 52
N. Y. City, Marble Collegiate S. S.	80 05	Osley, Ia.....	2 05
Sheboygan, Wis.....	2	Bethany, Ia.....	10 71
Marinus Clement.....	5	Galcaburg, Ia.....	1 35
Mrs. Anderson.....	2	Ebenezer, Ia.....	4 52
William Leys.....	1	Friends in Pella, Ia.....	3 45
Sheboygan Pella, Wis.....	5 69	1st Pella, Ia., catechumens.....	22
1st Kalamazoo, Mich., Y. L. M. S.	40	1st Pella, Ia.....	12 10
A. Lubbers.....	5	2d Pella, Ia.....	22 70
Randolph, Wis.....	9	Parkersburg, Ia., S. S.....	3 27
Waupun, Wis.....	13 42	Monroe, Ia.....	2
Alto, Wis.....	71 51	Hamilton, Mich.....	12 42
Rev. P. Kosten.....	1	Alton, Ia., W. B. S.....	12 00
John Boon.....	5	Mrs. D. Van Zante.....	5
J. Hagens.....	5	Johnstown, N. Y. Y. P. S. C. E..	2 00
John Bruins.....	5	Bethany, Grand Rapids, Mich.,	
Miss Carrie Boom.....	1	Catechumens.....	5
Alto, Wis., Ladies.....	1 10	Stone Arabia, N. Y.....	2
B. Kloosterboer.....	2	Sioux Centre, Ia., L. A. Soc.....	11
Miss E. A. Jones.....	1	Mrs. Stobenranch.....	5
Rev. H. Harmeling.....	10	Am. Orange City, Ia.....	25
Alto, Wis., Catechumens.....	20 40	Newkirk, Ia.....	25 00
Misses Olivia and Caroline Stokes	40	Maurice, Ia.....	17 16
Germanstown, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	5	Boyden, Ia.....	22 25
2d Holland, Mich., L. M. S., ..	11	Hull, Ia.....	41 05
Danforth, Ill. W. M. S.....	20	Rock Valley, Ia.....	12
1st Chicago, Ill.....	20	Sioux Center, Ia.....	67 10
Friesland, Mich.....	16 75	Alto, Wis., Y. P. S. C. E.....	10
H. DeGroot.....	10	Friends in Sioux Co., Ia.....	22
H. Giesink.....	3	Le Mars, Ia.....	10 75

Holland, Neb.....	60	Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, Ph. ^d	3 50
Rev. W. Stegeman.....	10 50	Jerry Boerma.....	5
1st Kalamazoo, Mich.....	26 80	Clarkstown, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	13 65
The Misses Abeel.....	5	K., 3d Holland, Mich.....	5 10
Harry Anker.....	4 10	Queens, N. Y., S. S.....	22 18
Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D ...	50	Brighton, N. Y.....	20 41
Pella, Neb.....	19 12	Brighton, N. Y., W. M. S.....	5
Missionary Harvest Picnic, Sioux		1st Albany, N. Y.....	6 10
Co., Ia.....	26 88	Silver Creek, Ill	44
Alton, Ia.....	20 84	Westchester Classical Union.....	9 15
Alton, Ia., W. M. S.....	22	Holland, Mich.....	17 51
1st Orange City, Ia.....	10	A friend.....	1
Mrs. D. Gordon.....	1	N. Y. City Middle Collegiate....	40
East Williamson, N. Y.....	22	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....	5 33
Marion, N. Y.....	20	Mrs. John Graham.....	25
Pultneyville, N. Y.....	9	1st Orange City, Ia., Y.P.S.C.E..	5
1st Rochester, N. Y.....	38 32	A friend, Raritan, N. J... ..	5
1st Rochester, N. Y., L. M. S.....	10	A friend, Roseland, Ill.....	50
South Holland, Ill.....	26 52	Fultonville, N. Y	5
Bethany, Roseland, Ill.....	23 61	Holland, Mich., Some little girls.	3 50
A friend.....	20	Baileyville, Ill., Ger. Pres. Ch...	17
Overisel, Mich.....	50	Miss A. W. Van Houten and	
Mrs. G. W. Sanford.....	5	friends.....	18
Mrs. C. W. Wisner.....	5	Nyack, N. Y., children.....	2
Mrs. Richard Wisner.....	8	Hopewell, N. Y.....	14
Mrs. W. B. Bradner.....	5	2d Poughkeepsie, N. Y... ..	3
Rev. Taber Knox.....	5	Farmer, N. Y.....	8
Thomas Welling.....	10	Miss C. Van Brunt... ..	2
Miss Carrie Dusenberre.. ..	5	Rev. P. Moerdyke and family...	5
A friend, Warwick, N. Y.....	5	Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ward.....	10
Wm. H. Van Doren.....	5	Miss S. R. Ward.....	5
N. Y. City, Madison Avenue,		Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tichenor....	5
Y. P. S. C. E.....	12	A friend.....	5
K. Weirama.....	4	Sale of jewelry	1 10
Marion, N. Y.....	2	2d Tarrytown, N. Y.....	10 92
Mrs. Akenhead.....	4	Pompton, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E...	3 37
Holland, Albany, N. Y.....	9	Mrs. and the Misses Polhemus..	5
Cash.....	12	Samuel W. Hyde.....	25
Mrs. Van Doren... ..	5	North, Newark, N.J.. Y.P.S.C.E.	5
Bath-on-Hudson, N. Y., W. Soc.	2 75	Rev. W. F. Barny	5
2nd Bethlehem, N. Y... ..	5	1st Syracuse, N.Y., W. M. S....	10
Mrs. Briggs and others... ..	3	Miss Carrie M. Campbell.....	5
Rhinebeck, N. Y.....	5	Spring Lake, Mich.....	10
2nd Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	20	Alton, Ia., W. M. S	6 50
Knox, N. Y.....	9 05	Mrs. C. M. Anderson.....	1
2nd Berne, N. Y.....	6 50	Flushing, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	9 05
Clarksville, N. Y	7 33	J. Townsend Lansing, Esq., In	
New Salem, N. Y.....	10 50	memory of C. B. F.....	50
Jerusalem, N. Y., W. M. S.....	15	T. G. B. Kouwenhoven.....	25
Union, N. Y.....	5	7th Grand Rapids, Mich	6
E. Central, C. E. Union, Colum-		Friends.....	75
bia Co., N. Y.....	18 23	Miss Harriet B. Bradner.....	1
Greenwich, N. Y, L. M. Circle..	5	1st Orange, N. J.....	1
Johnstown, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	1 75	Middleburgh, Ia.....	34 57
A. J. Nowlen.....	5	Chatham, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E...	10
Mrs. C. P. Coggeshall.....	1	Rochester, Accord, N.Y.	5 15
Mrs. H. J. Storms.....	1	Rochester, Accord, Y. P. S. C. E.	5
Harding R. Hogan.....	50	2d Bethlehem, N. Y.....	5

Mrs. R. McC. Pearce.....	5	1st Claverack, N. Y., S. S.,	
Orangeburg, N. Y., Union S. S..	2 50	Stone Mills.....	8 20
Greenbush, N. Y., Pres. L.M.S..	6	1st Claverack, N. Y.....	43 55
Coeymans, N. Y.....	8	Glen, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.....	18
New Baltimore, N. Y., W. M. S	6	Union, Paterson, N. J.	23 38
West Copake, N. Y.....	18 40	For Christ's Kingdom... ..	20
West Copake, N.Y., Y. P.S.C.E.	2	A friend.....	5
West Copake, N. Y., W. M. S...	10	Le Mars, Ia.	18
Mrs. James A. Wilson	10	Rock Valley, Ia., A member.....	5
Albany, N. Y., Madison Avenue.	35	3d Kalamazoo, Mich., S. S.....	10
West Ghent, N. Y.....	6 85	2d Rochester, N. Y.....	35 35
1st Ghent, N. Y.....	6 50	Mrs. D. W. M. Roosa.....	3
N.Y. City Middle Collegiate, S.S.	25	Miss Carrie Karsten and S. S.	
Alton, Ia., Y. M. C. A.	7 85	Class.....	4 50
Miss Jennie S. Pearson.....	5	6th Holland, Paterson, N. J.....	35 69
Kinderhook, N. Y.....	16 17	N. Y. City, 1st Harlem Collegiate	
Mrs. E. H. Ellis.....	10	S. S. Class.	11
Mrs. K. A. Lansing.....	10	Anonymous.....	1
Miss M. L. B. Hasbronck.....	5	Nyack, N. Y.....	82 18
Miss Kate Ferwerda.....	5	N. Y. City, Ave. B, German.....	10
Park Hill, Yonkers, N. Y	20	Kent St., Brooklyn, N. Y.,	
Albany, N. Y., Madison Avenue		Children's Mission.....	25
Y. M. Bible Class.....	7	Central Ave., Jersey City, N. J..	10 50
Rev. Theodore Shafer.....	10	1st Holland, Passaic, N. J.,	
Forreston, Ill., Y. P. S. C. E....	10	Y. M. Ass'n.....	15
1st Albany, N. Y., S. S., Class 1.	2 50	Gen. F. T. Haig.....	96
Jennie and Nellie Ravesloot.....	4	Holland, Albany, N. Y., S. S....	8 15
Le Mars, Ia.....	2	A friend, Hudson, N. Y.....	10
1st Yonkers, N. Y.....	40 85	A lady, Raritan, N. J.....	5
North Holland, Mich.....	15 98	1st New Brunswick, N. J.....	25 70
Anonymous.....	5	Holland, Neb., Y. M. C. A.....	10
N. Y. City, Union, High Bridge.	7 25	3d Kalamazoo, Mich., Y.M. Soc.	12 32
Bethel, Leota, Minn. S. S.....	2	G. S. Van Pelt	5
Miss Mabel Van der Seyd.....	1 40	Mrs. P. A. Van Deventer.....	3
Walden, N. Y., Y. L. M. C.....	5	Mr. Thomasma and brother..	10
Mr. and Mrs. Van Deursen.....	10	In response to leaflet: "A....	
Kingston, N. Y., Fair St. S. S...	42 76	Neglected Country ".....	15
1st Roseland, Ill.....	11	Trinity, Plainfield, N. J.....	14 50
Miss Amy C. Duryea.....	80	Walden, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E....	10
4th Grand Rapids, Mich, M. M.		1st Brooklyn, N. Y., A. and P.	
Soc e.....	20 90	Brotherhood	5
Lafayette, Jersey City. N. J.,		Boyden, Ia., S. S.....	3 55
L. M. Soc... ..	10 77	1st New Brunswick, N. J.....	
Chatham, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	5	Y. P. S, C. E.....	5
1st Berne, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	5	2d Grand Haven, Mich., S. S....	10
A friend.....	1	Flatlands, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	21 52
Holland, Mich, Christian Ref...	25 56	Rev. William V. D. Strong.....	5
Holland, Mich., S. S. Class.....	3	Glenham, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E...	5
Miss Bessie Veltman... ..	5	2d Ghent, N. Y.. S. S... ..	10
Stone Ridge, N. Y.....	4 50	Ponds, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 52
North Marbletown, N. Y.....	2 60	Rev. J. W. TeWinkel.....	12 78
Cedar Grove, Wis., Jun. Happy		A poor woman.....	1
Workers	25	Stuyvesant, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	9
1st Grand Haven, Mich.....	10 97	The Lord's Money.	5
1st Somerville, N. J.....	18 95	Farmer, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	10
2nd Somerville, N. J.....	18 95	Sioux Center, Ia., Y. M. C. A....	25
New Brighton, N. Y.....	12 01	Kent St., Brooklyn, N. Y., S. S.	20
1st Claverack, N. Y., S. S.....	12 67	5th Grand Rapids, Mich., S. S...	40

1st Roseland, Chicago, Ill.....	43 82	Rochester, N. Y., H. M. Soc....	8 59
Montville, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E..	5	Waupun, Wis., L. M. Circle.....	6
Mrs. J. Traas.....	25	Waupun, Wis., G. F. Verbeck	
Milwaukee, Wis., Aux	10	M. Bd.....	4
Estate of Christine Carlson.....	10	Fremont, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E....	2 50
2d Pella, Ia	40 60	Bath-on-Hudson, Y. P. S. C. E..	8 20
Stuydam St., New Brunswick, N.J.	15 50	North, Newark, N.J., Y.P.S.C.E.	10
Platte, S. D., Y. L. M. S.....	4	Cuddebackville, N.Y., Y.P.S.C.E.	10
2d Freehold, N. J.....	1 85	2d Milwaukee, Wis., Y.P.S.C.E.	8
2nd Tarrytown, N. Y.....	5	2d Schenectady, N.Y., a member	2
Flushing, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E....	5	Mrs. Isalah Page.....	20
Rocky Hill, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E.	2	C. J. Dodgehun.....	5
Newark, N. J., Clinton Ave.,		Newark, N. J. Clinton Avenue.	36
Alady.....	10	Newark, N. J., Clinton Avenue	
Miss Margaret Duryee... ..	20	Heid. Guild.....	25
Mrs. Te Selle.....	25	Marion, N.Y.....	11 01
Mrs. T. Mullenburg.....	5	South Branch, N.J., A friend...	5
Mrs. A. Bonthuis.....	10 74	Mrs. J. D. Schench	5
Mrs. A. Roggen.....	5	Alto, Wis., Y. L. M. S.....	10
E. Kraas.....	2	Nyack, N. Y., S. S.	15 68
N. Y. City, 4th Ger., Y.P.S.C.E.	5	N. Y. City, Madison Ave... ..	
Rev. B. C. Lippincott.....	8	Y. P. S. C. E....	2
Bronxville, N. Y.....	10 25	Saddle River, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E.	2
Bronxville, N. Y., S. S....	14 35	Metuchen, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E..	15
David Kay.....	10	C. H. Scott.....	13 34
Miss Lillian Baldwin.....	5	Coytesville, Palisades, N.J.....	13 13
1st Cleveland, O.....	14	C. M., at Alton, Ia.....	30
Union Rally, North Ch., Passaic,		Alton, Ia., Y. P. S. C. E.....	6
N. J.....	50	1st Englewood, Ill.. Ch. and S. S.	25
4th Grand Rapids, Mich.....	2	Mrs. Peter A. DeWitt	2
N. Y. City, Madison Ave., A		A friend of the Mission and	
friend	5	the slave boys.....	5
Middleburgh, Ia., Dorcas Soc... .	18 25	Mott Haven, N. Y. City.....	1 65
1st Hackensack, N.J., Five young		Greenwich, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	5
men.....	5	George I. Green.....	1
A working woman.....	1	On the Heights, B'klyn, N.Y., S.S.	10 45
Leonla, N. J.. Parlor Meeting...	17 70	Spring Lake, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E.	2 50
Warwick, N. Y....	62 09	1st Schenectady, N. Y. Hope	
Montclair, N. J., 1st Pres.....	26 02	Chapel S. S.....	5
North Newark, N. J.....	62	Fair St. Kingston, N. Y.....	
1st Orange City, Ia	30 70	Y. P. S. C. E.....	6 50
Wayne St., Jersey City, N. J....	15 30	Miss Margaret L. Talmage....	3
1st Bayonne, N. J., Y.P.S.C.E.	10	Stone Ridge, N. Y., Jun. C.E.S..	1 25
Boyden, Ia., W. M. S.....	20	High Bridge, N. J.....	5
Alto, Wis., Catechumens.....	7 50	Ghent, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.....	5
Lodi, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.....	5	Clymer, N. Y.....	6
Lodi, N. Y., W. M. S.....	5	Piermont, N. Y.....	21 23
Brooklyn, N.Y., Flatlands, Aux.	10	New Utrecht, Brooklyn, N. Y...	5
Brooklyn, N. Y., Flatlands, S. S.	20	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Enders....	10
Brighton Heights, N. Y.,		Trinity, Plainfield, N. J.,.....	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3 33	Y. P. S. C. E.....	10
1st Paterson, N. J., W. M. S.....	20	Schraalenburgh, N. J.....	2
Eugene S. Hand	100	Mrs. R. S. W	10
John Bos.....	3	Kingston, N.Y., Ch. of Comforter	20
B. Van der Laan	5	Bethany, Ia.....	1
A brother	2	6th Grand Rapids, Mich., S. S...	2 85
A brother and sister at A.....	1	2d Grand Rapids, Mich., Y.L.M.S.	10
2d Paterson, N. J., W. M. S.....	10	1st Kingston, N. Y., Y.P.S.C.E..	2 50

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Clymer and Clymer Hill, N. Y...	12 14	New Baltimore, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	7 25
Peter Sinclair.....	1	Student's Theol. Seminary, New	
Fulton, Ill.....	33 33	Brunswick, N. J.....	11 34
Hurley, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.....	16 05	Asbury Park, N. J.....	7 83
1st Coxsackie, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	5	Palisades, Coytesville, N. J.	
Woman's Board.....	553 86	Y. P. S. C. E... ..	38 91
E. N. Y., Brooklyn, N. Y.,.....		2d Freehold, N. J , Y. P. S. C. E.	19
Y. P. S. C. E.....	5	1st Freehold, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E.	6
The Semelink family, Vriesland,		Zeeland, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E... ..	50
Mich.....	40	Fultonville, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	5
Cedar Grove, Wis.....	41 75	Oradell, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E... ..	10
Cedar Grove, A friend	1	1st Kingston, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	10
1st Holland, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E.	10	Madison Ave., N. Y. City.....	
Holland, Neb.....	2	Y. P. S. C. E.....	5
1st Bayonne, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E.	5	S. H. Wheeler.....	50
Jerusalem, N. Y., Arabian Knights	10	1st Schenectady, N. Y.....	98 75
Kiskatom, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E..	5		
1st Grand Rapids. Mich., Int.			
C. E. S.....	5		
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			\$7135 06

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from Syndicates.....	\$ 3,651 44
Miscellaneous Gifts.....	7,135 06
Gifts for Objects Outside the Appropriations.....	2,743 93
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	\$13,530 03

*The Arabian Mission in account with PETER DONALD,
Treasurer, for the year ending April 30, 1898.*

Dr.	
To cash paid for account of work in Arabia...	\$5,620
Cash paid in New York for account of Missionaries.....	990 89
Printing Annual Report, statements and leaflets.....	\$299 55
Bookkeeping.....	800
Postage.....	66 15
Traveling.....	264 08
Incidentals.....	72 88
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Rev. F. J. Barny, outfit, traveling and freight to Arabia.....	1,002 61
Loan account April 30, 1898.....	694 60
Balance on hand carried to new account.....	4,000
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	5,817 04
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	\$17,894 64
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Cr.	
By balance brought forward May 1, 1897.....	\$1,704 63
Loan account May 1, 1897.....	2,000
Gifts, syndicate.....	8,651 44
“ non-syndicate.....	7,135 66
“ for objects outside the appropriations.....	2,742 93
Interest on loans.....	159 98
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	\$17,894 64
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New York City, May 2, 1898

PETER DONALD, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's account to April 30, 1898, has been duly examined, with vouchers, and found correct, showing the assets of the Arabian Mission to be as follows :

Reserve Fund, loaned at 5 per cent.....	\$4,000
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	5,817 04
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	\$9,217 04

Total, Nine thousand two hundred and seventeen 04/100 dollars.

FRANCIS BACON, }
JOHN C. GIFFING, } *Auditing Committee,*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1897.

(In compliance with resolution of General Synod.)

Including amounts for objects outside the appropriations.

AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

		GOLD.
Salaries and allowances for children.....		\$11,517 96
Gospel boats and messengers.....		356 63
Personal teachers.....		100 55
Evangelistic work.....		2,962 67
Medical bills.....		57 57
Printing		25 49
Rents, taxes, and repairs.....		621 43
Miscellaneous.....		96 80
Schools.—Theological Seminary.....	\$185 00	
Primary	192 49	
Parochial.....	85 00	
Boys' Academy.....	447 34	
Amoy Girls'.....	244 50	
" Woman's.....	74 41	
Sio-khe Girls'.....	128 94	
" Woman's.....	26 75	
Chiang-chiu.....	58 22	
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		\$1,392 65
Freight account.....		123 22
Amoy Hospital.....		55 53
Sio-khe "		362 84
Leng-soa Chapel.....		1,000 00
Children's Home.....		35 75
Special country work		100 00
Traveling expenses to America, Misses Morrison, Cappon and Zwemer.....		770 68
Dr. F. T. B. Fest, traveling to and expenses in Japan.....		450 02
On account deficiency in Mission Treasury January 1, 1897.....		5,145 77
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		\$25,145 56
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ARCOT MISSION, INDIA.

		GOLD.
Salaries and allowances for children.....		\$14,763 91
Outfit and Refit, Rev. J. Chamberlain, D.D., balance.....	\$150 00	
Rev. H. J. Scudder.	600 00	
Mr. W. H. Farrar.....	600 00	
Rev. John Scudder, D.D.....	300 00	
Mrs. L. B. Chamberlain.....	300 00	
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Traveling of Missionaries to India.....		1,555 82

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Freight, Insurance, etc.....	584 14
Ladies bungalow, Ranipettai.....	1,847 88
Arcot Mission College property, Vellore.....	3,387 78
Special gifts for work not included in appropriations.....	620 30
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	\$24,209 33

	RUPEES.	
Native Assistants.....	16,774-8-11	
Sunday Schools.....	208-18-3	
Itinerating.....	1,610-12-0	
Reading room.....	787-1-6	
Eight Boarding Schools.....	12,099-7-10	
167 Day Schools.....	12,403-9-7	
Arcot Mission College.....	416-10-8	
Industrial School.....	1,700-0-0	
Seventeen Hindu Girls' Schools.....	5,747-12-1	
Medical Department.. .	1,500-0-0	
Rents and repairs.....	5,764-1-1	
Mission Meetings, etc.....	996-2-4	
Printing	389-0-4	
Miscellaneous.....	1,362-13-7	
Sanitaria ..	2,110-3-0	
Income tax.....	584-11-11	
New property.....	2,310-8-10	
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One Rupee equals 29 cents.....Rupees,	66,695-15-11	19,841 83
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		\$43,551 16

NORTH JAPAN MISSION.

Salaries and allowances for children.....	\$12,793 42
House rents... ..	2,114 77
Personal teachers	265 00
Evangelistic work.....	3,306 74
Schools.—Ferris Seminary Yokohama.....	\$2,466 00
Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo.....	1,464 76
Support of Theological Students.....	213 00
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	4,143 76
Traveling in Mission work.....	170 83
Medical bills.....	318 19
Miscellaneous.....	8 99
Traveling to Japan: Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Scudder.....	668 37
Rev. E. S. Booth and family.....	930 05
Traveling from Japan: Dr. M. N. Wyckoff.....	232 15
Dr. J. Poppen and family.....	606 36
Outfit: Rev. F. S. Scudder....	600 00
Reft: Rev. H. S. Booth.....	300 00
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	\$26,458 65

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION.

Salaries and allowances for children.....	\$7,451 66
Mission residences, land rent, insurance, etc.....	518 28
Personal teachers.....	200 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Evangelistic Work.....		2,039 74
Schools.—Johathan Sturges Seminary, Nagasaki.....	1,505 33	
Steele College, Nagasaki.....	3,277 94	
Support of Theological Students.....	126 23	
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		4,939 50
Medical bills.....		173 07
Freight.....		39 41
Sundries.....		126 21
Miss A. K. Stryker, outfit and traveling to Japan.....		402 22
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		\$16,930 13
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HOME EXPENSES.

Salaries.....	4,700 02	
Rent of office.....	919 45	
Account books and stationary.....	123 31	
Postage.....	213 93	
Missionary boxes.....	6 23	
Sundries.....	284 58	
Printing Annual Report.....	408 16	
Printing leaflets.....	471 00	
Traveling.....	384 12	
The Mission Field.....	743 85	
Stereopticon.....	61 18	
Interest on loans.....	761 96	
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		\$9,077 79

RECAPITULATION.

Amoy Mission.....	\$25,145 56	
Arcot Mission.....	43,551 16	
North Japan Mission.....	26,458 65	
South Japan Mission.....	16,930 11	
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		112,085 48
Home expenses.....		9,077 79
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		\$121,163 27
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MISSIONARIES OF THE BOARD.

The following list presents the names of Missionaries now connected with the various Missions, whether in the field or at home, expecting to return, with their addresses.

Letter postage to all Lands here named, five cents per half ounce, or fraction.

Postage on printed matter, one cent for each two ounces, or fraction.

AMOY MISSION.

Only address—Amoy, China.

WENT OUT.

Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage.....	1865
Rev. Daniel Rapalje.....	1858
Mrs. Alice Rapalje.....	1878
Rev. L. W. Kip, D.D.....	1861
Mrs. Helen C. Kip.....	1861
Miss Mary E. Talmage.....	1874
Miss Catherine M. Talmage.....	1881
Rev. Philip W. Pitcher.....	1885
Mrs. Annie T. Pitcher.....	1885
Rev. John A. Otte, M.D.....	1887
Mrs. Frances C. Otte.....	1887
Miss Nellie Zwemer.....	1891
Miss Elizabeth M. Cappon.....	1891
Miss Mary C. Morrison.....	1892
Miss Lily N. Duryee.....	1894
Rev. Hobart E. Studley.....	1896
Miss M. van Beeck Calkoen.....	1896

ARCOT MISSION.

General address—Madras Presidency, India.

Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M.D., D.D., Palmaner.....	1855
Mrs. Julia C. Scudder, Palmaner.....	1855
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D., Madanapalle....	1859
Mrs. Charlotte B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle.....	1859
Rev. John Scudder, M.D., D.D., Vellore.....	1861
Mrs. Sophia W. Scudder, Vellore.....	1861
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, Tindivanam.....	1874
Mrs. Gertrude Chandler Wyckoff, Tindivanam.....	1892
Miss Julia C. Scudder, Palmaner.....	1879
Rev. Ezekiel Scudder, Jr., Arni.....	1882
Mrs. Mabel J. Scudder, Arni.....	1889
Miss M. K. Scudder, Ranipettai.....	1884
Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, 66 Bayard St., New Brunswick, N. J.....	1887
Mrs. Mary E. Chamberlain, 66 Bayard St., New Brunswick, N. J.....	1891
Rev. Lewis R. Scudder, M. D., Ranipettai.....	1888
Mrs. Ethel T. Scudder, Ranipettai.....	1888
Rev. Louis B. Chamberlain, Madanapalle.....	1891
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Rev. James A. Beattie, Chittoor.....	1894
Mrs. Margaret Dall Beattie, Chittoor.....	1894
Miss Louisa H. Hart, M.D., Ranipettai.....	1895
Rev. Henry Huizinga, Ranipettai.....	1896

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Mrs. Emma T. Pieters, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1891
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H. R. L. Worrall, M.D., <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1894
Rev. Fred. J. Barney, <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1897
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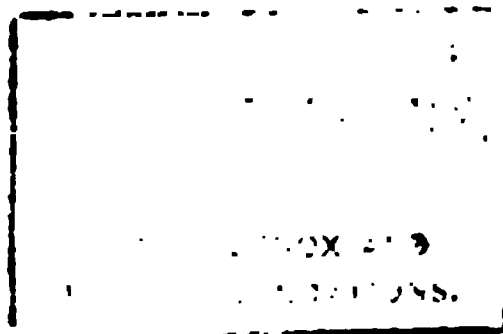
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ANNUAL REPORT.

The subject of Domestic Missions now possesses an importance in this country that cannot be over-estimated. It is in the highest degree important to the church at large. When various forms of irreligion, coming in like a flood, are spreading over the country, it cannot be expected that the church can overcome these unless active, prayerful and enlarged efforts are made to sustain the preaching of the gospel in places where the enemy now seems to triumph. Such activity, as well as faith in the Word of God, is absolutely necessary to a healthy spirituality and growth in the church itself; and if the destitute at home are not, first of all, supplied with the gospel, there will not be right views and feelings towards the heathen world.

The vigorous prosecution of Domestic Missions is also of the first importance to our country. So long as only one in four of our vast population is found to be a member of any Evangelical church, there is a crying need for more gospel "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria." There is not the faintest hope that mere human legislation or human systems of education and morals can take the place of the gospel in this or any land. Surely this great people, each one for himself, must believe in the only Saviour of whom they hear through his true ministers. How otherwise can the unsaved three-fourths of our population be saved? Can a more important matter be commended to the thoughtful and prayerful consideration of any body of representatives of the Church of Christ?

The Board of Domestic Missions, therefore fully alive to the great significance of its work, presents to General Synod its sixty-sixth annual report. The year has brought tokens of Divine favor. Death has left untouched the members of the Board; and only one of our little army of

workers, Rev. Lauren Vanderveer, has been summoned from the toil to the reward. Brother Vanderveer died at Schenectady, N. Y., August 17, 1897, where he had served the Mt. Pleasant Church from its organization. His last illness was lingering and painful, and his release was welcomed.

The deliberations of the Board have not been without anxiety, and plans of work have been considered with no little concern as to the ability to carry the plans into effect; but a delightful harmony has prevailed that has been a source of real enjoyment to the members in their endeavors to execute the wishes of General Synod and the church. The workers have not labored in vain. They have been reapers as well as sowers, and have come to report bringing their sheaves with them. Precious revivals have been granted to some of our Mission churches which we earnestly pray may be multiplied.

SURVEY OF THE FIELD.

In the eastern department of our Mission and church extension work, there are encouragements and also discouragements. The Rev. J. H. Enders, the faithful Superintendent of the Synod of Albany, in reporting the condition and prospects of some of the established churches says, "through the long continued financial distress many of the weaker country churches have found it difficult adequately to support their devoted pastors. Yet these churches and pastors have, for the most part, successfully prosecuted their work and made material and spiritual advance. It required much self-denying effort to meet financial obligations and to keep churches and parsonages in repair. As to the older and stronger churches, in their increasing spirituality, growth and influence, there is evidence of the Divine approbation and blessing."

The superintendent further reports that in the nearly nine years of his service he has aided in the organization of ten new churches, and gives somewhat in detail the statistics of each, adding that "these are for the most part in cities or their growing suburbs; that they are making constant progress and are full of promise for the future."

Our worthy superintendent closes his report to the Synod of Albany with some excellent suggestions and recommendations, and states that in the prosecution of his work he has during the year traveled 4 771 miles, made 113 addresses, called on 965 families, aided eight churches in securing pastors, and gathered one church for organization—the new and promising Sixth Church of Albany. Since his report to Synod he has aided in gathering for organization an American Reformed Church in Buffalo, N. Y.

Looking over the eastern branch of our church two conditions appear from the Board's point of view:

First, There is little or no prospect of Reformed Church extension except in the suburbs and growing parts of cities and large towns; when an organization is secured, it almost invariably means an immediate and large request for help from the Board both in supporting the minister and obtaining a suitable church building. Given the usual conditions of growth in such localities, unhindered by opposition from other denominations, our Reformed Church finds no difficulty in gathering to itself a loyal constituency, and almost without exception justifies generous appropriations from the Board for the first few years.

If then our church is to grow in the East, Church Extension Committees and Classes must be alert in occupying places such as have been indicated, where no other evangelical church has yet gathered the people for Divine worship, and the Reformed Church may thrive with the best.

The second condition which is very apparent to the Board is the increasing number of rural churches which, from causes beyond human control, are becoming smaller and weaker year by year, and which must have help from the Board or die; and there is not the encouragement that even with such help they will ever become self-supporting again. The Board is often and sorely puzzled as to what is best to do in such cases. The pastor and his family cannot live on the very small salary the church gives; the Classis recommends an appropriation, and the

Board is loth to deny it to a church that in past days of prosperity and strength was a generous contributor to the Board's funds. Such denial is like turning out a faithful old family horse to die. And yet money so expended gives no promise of permanently strengthening the church receiving it, and by so much diminishes the sum the Board could use in promoting new enterprises that promise quick and generous results. Each year church extension is hindered because of the large amount demanded for the sustenation of old churches; and this condition is on the increase. It is a serious condition in the light of denominational growth and efficiency.

Turning to our Western field, we find the conditions different. Very few churches in the Synod of Chicago are more than fifty years old, and none are seeking aid from the Board because they are losing vitality and growing decrepit with age. The most serious fact is the continued infancy of some of our western churches, seen in their clinging to the hand of the Board from their birth until now. The Classes and the Board have kindly urged upon these the importance of less leaning upon the Board and more effort to walk alone, and frequently with good success.

But the prevailing condition in the West, is progress. With few exceptions, the older churches grow more vigorous with age, and the younger show a disposition to reach independence in support as soon as possible. This is especially true of our Holland and Holland-American churches, which constitute far the largest part of the Synod of Chicago. This is also true of the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, composed wholly of German churches. This is the youngest of our Western Classes, and has grown rapidly. Church extension has been wisely managed, and not a little credit is due to the efficient Classical Missionary. The churches are commendably ambitious to reach self-support, and most of the younger organizations have built or are about to build their houses of worship without asking aid from the Building Fund. The report of the Classical Missionary is in every way encouraging.

The Classis of Dakota is still our frontier of Western Missions, and is almost wholly missionary ground, only two of its twenty churches having yet reached self-support. It is situated in what has become well known as the drought-stricken belt of the West. Our churches have suffered greatly, and what promised a few years ago to be a rapidly increasing group of Dakota churches, both in numbers and strength, can be sustained at present only by generous aid from the Board. Many of the churches do not retain pastors long, and the faithful Classical Missionary has his heart and hands full in caring for the shepherdless flocks. The past summer's harvests, however, have brought present relief and a more hopeful outlook. The future may have a larger store of both temporal and spiritual good.

The Classis of Illinois is peculiarly situated geographically, comprising our American churches in Illinois, and a group of Holland speaking churches in the vicinity of Pella, Ia. The latter being mostly vacant at the beginning of the year, a Classical Missionary was commissioned to care for them. This he has done faithfully, and pastors having been secured for the most important of the churches the service of the Classical Missionary may no longer be needed.

The Classis of Michigan makes a much better showing numerically than two years ago, having received under its care from neighboring Classes the Holland-American churches which have been organized in recent years. These churches are composed largely of the English-speaking descendants of Hollanders, Americans now, and who use only the English language in all their religious services. The organization of such churches, where practicable, should, in the judgment of the Board, be encouraged as the best method of retaining in our denomination the increasing number of Americanized descendants of Hollanders that are found in other western churches.

The Classes of Grand River, Holland, Wisconsin and Iowa are our strongest Classes in the West and comprise churches in which the Holland language is used

either wholly or in part, nearly all the pastors being able to preach readily in both tongues. Healthy growth in existing churches and vigilance in occupying new fields are characteristic of these Classes. One of the missionaries, writing of the small beginnings, and of what has been accomplished in one Classis, may be welcomed as a truthful reporter for the others—indeed for our whole Western field. He says:

“No one at all acquainted with the facts of history will hesitate to say that but for the fostering care of the Board of Domestic Missions, such results would have been impossible. By far the large majority of the churches have been helped by the Board in the time of their greatest weakness. The ecclesiastical West has become strong because General Synod, through the Board of Domestic Missions has helped it into a vigorous existence. The opportunity to save souls, to organize churches, to create new centers of Christian life and activity was there, and the church grasped it, and has reason to rejoice in the grand results. Thirty years ago a few churches small in numbers, weak in financial resources, scattered over a large territory, gave abundant reasons for the timid ones to find discouragements for faith, hope and charity, but the timid spirits were not allowed to control. The men of faith carried the day, and the fruits in sight have amply justified their patient planting and watering.

“And there are still centers of missionary labor in which apparently, the discouragements exceed the encouragements. In regard to some of them the question might be raised whether the men and means employed to continue their existence might not be better engaged elsewhere. That question arises in the minds of some in regard to all new enterprises. It might have been asked in regard to churches weak twenty-five years ago, but now strong. The church and the Board need patience. We labor for the future. The conditions which exist and which we do not create, but are the ordaining of a wise Providence, cost the church money. We refer to the isolated situation of many of the mission churches which makes combination of any two of them impossible or unprofitable. We

know that a good deal of money is spent by the Board on these fields; but not too much, unless we desire to invite loss of position or vantage ground. There is hardly a center of missionary effort which does not possess the possibility of future strength, and we may well be guided by past experience. We consider the future hopeful because of the vitality manifested in many places. Changes are occurring which have their origin in growth. These may call for more money for the time being, but we cannot resist growth; and we have a field for missionary labor which gives cause for gratitude and an inspiration for cheerful giving."

It is very evident that, in the future as in the past, our denominational increase in the West will be first, mainly through Holland immigration in planting Holland speaking churches; and second, in organizing as rapidly as practicable into English speaking churches, the Americanized element of the Holland population and their children. No denomination need desire a better constituency; and with the timely aid of the church through its Board of Domestic Missions, as the bond to hold them to the Reformed Church in America, the church of their fathers in the land of their adoption, we can safely count on a loyal, faithful and growing branch of our church in the great West.

The usual statistical table which follows, furnishes some important details in reference to each church and mission helped by the Board.

REPORT OF EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.		MINISTERS.										REMARKS.			
CLASSES.	CITY & CHURCH.	FAMILIES.	Members.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	In Sunday Schools.	Salary.		Parsonage.	Church.	Buildings.		REMARKS.		
							Church Promised.	Board Care.			Congregation Promised.	C. E. F. Approp'd.			
Albany.....	4th Albany, N. Y.	95	124	26	190	700	150	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	Organized Dec. 29, '97.		
"	6th " " "	30	13	123	295	450	250	Yes	No	No	.....	.....	Self Support after May 1, '98.		
Bergen.....	Guttenberg, N. J.	36	55	6	680	700	300	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	*Bec. pastor May 1, '97.		
"	N. D. h'm Miss. "	72	116	14	80	150	100	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	*Became pastor Nov. 1, '97.		
"	Secaucus, "	20	20	..	154	600	400	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	1st Hoboken, "	60	120	21	5	180	700	500	No	Yes	.....	.....	
South Bergen	Free J. City, "	78	120	7	130	500	300	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	3rd Bayonne, "	62	100	4	325	700	300	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	1st G. E. J. City, "	127	325	55	40	260	50	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
Kingston.....	Dashve F's, N. Y.	40	83	6	70	175	50	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	Lyonsville, "	41	75	..	70	175	50	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	Krumville, "	25	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
"	Gardiner, "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
N. L. Island	Hicksville, "	70	6	1	2	140	525	75	No	Yes	.....	.....	
"	1st L. I. City, "	50	75	4	90	675	125	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	Sayville, "	64	113	8	125	650	125	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	S. Bushwick, B'k'n	67	03	6	260	400	300	No	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	2d Newtown, N. Y.	61	20	6	81	400	250	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	
"	Sunnyside, "	35	37	3	11	130	325	150	No	No	.....	.....	
													Building begun. C. E. ch. No. 12		

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

REPORT OF EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

	Winfield Missa.	Student supply.	40	208	150	Yes		
N. L. Island.	ad Flatbush.	L. Goebel.	55	125	175	Yes		
S. L. Island.	Canarsie.	J. Ficken.	23	70	175	Yes		
	Kidgewood.	G. R. Israel.	50	200	400	No		[Took charge Nov. 1, '97.
	Greenw'd Hgts.	A. Stockwell, S.S.	25	112	400	No		
"	Ger. Amer.	[W. J. H. Boetger	62	103	300	No		[Began Nov. 1, '97, Church org. Oct. '97.
"	Bedford.		111	2	100	No		[Began Sept. 1, '97.
"	St. Thomas.	W. I. C. Hume	70	90	500	Yes		
Monmouth.	Highlands.	N. J. Student supply	23	83	100	No		
Montgomery	Trinity Am.	N. Y. E. J. Blekink	80	230	500	No		
"	Johnston.	J. Van Burk.	50	100	300	Yes		
"	Sprakers.	J. A. Thomson.	50	115	450	Yes		
"	Mapletown.		30	40	250	No		
"	Naumburg.	Student	15	120	Yes	Yes		
"	New Bremen		32	275	No	Yes		Nothing left but Ch. building.
"	Owasco Outlet.	F. A. Force	32	35	375	Yes		
"	2d Syracuse.	Chas. Maar.	45	150	600	No		
"	W. Leyden.	F. E. Schneider	32	60	225	Yes		
"	Point Rock.		32	200	200	Yes		Little left of congregation.
Newark.	Trin., New.	N. J. J. N. Morris	150	468	1050	Yes		
"	West, New.	C. Girtanner	78	220	650	Yes		
"	Plainfield (Ger.)	G. Hauser	40	45	300	Yes		
"	Moncar Hgts.	Student supply	17	17	130	No		
N. Brunswick	Hughland Park	A. S. Van Dyke.	30	80	400	No		[About to build Church
New York.	Huguenot.	N. Y. D. Junor.	55	80	500	No		Plus house rent. B'd g new Ch. \$250 additional by Ch. of N. Y.
"	Kreischerville.	J. Ganss	125	180	360	Yes		[Took charge Oct. '97
"	Comforter.	H. V. S. Myers.	22	100	160	No		No aid from Board since July 1, '97.
Orange.	Grahamsville.	"	31	300	100	Yes		
"	Unionville.	"	7	50	No	Yes		
"	Claryville.	Student	45	100	No	Yes		
"	Ministak.		45	180	Yes	Yes		

REPORT OF EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.										REMARKS.									
CLASSES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Members.	Rec'd.		Salary.		Parsonage.	Church.	Buildings.		C. B. F. Approp'd.	REMARKS.					
					Confession.	Certificate.	Church Promised.	Board Given.			Congregation Promised.	Church.							
Orange.....	2d Port Jervis, "	D. T. Harris.....	40	36	14	..	100	150	650	No	Yes	Res. Jan. 1, '98.					
Paramus.....	Garfield, N. J. "	W. G. Myles.....	57	63	2	7	133	350	350	Yes	Yes	..	..				
"	Glen Rock, "	Student.....	16	21	..	..	35	..	120	No	Yes	..	..				
"	Hawthorne, "	| G. M. Conover..	17	28	81	300	350	No	Yes	Res. Nov. 1, '97.					
"	N. Paterson, "	"	56	46	3	6	98	300	..	No	Yes	..	..				
"	2d Lodi, "	Wm. Johnston....	45	67	4	..	400	500	200	Yes	Yes	..	..				
"	Wortendyke, "	| F. Dekker.....	75	163	8	4	75	500	200	Yes	Yes	Took charge Aug. 1, '97.					
Philadelphia.	Talmage M., Phil.	| H. Willoughby..	95	144	17	4	242	800	200	No	Yes	..	..				
"	South Philadelphia	C. S. Wyckoff....	25	14	..	9	90	200	400	No	Yes	..	..				
Poughkeepsie	Glenham, N. Y. "	W. V. D. Strong	41	65	..	2	56	300	200	Yes	Yes	Res. May 1, '98.					
"	Cold Spring, "	Student.....	20	40	3	..	45	..	127	No	Yes	..	..				
Raritan.....	Annandale, "	A. L. Mershon....	60	110	8	3	150	550	150	Yes	Yes	..	..				
"	4th Raritan, "	| F. Koehli.....	70	146	5	440	260	No	Yes	Took charge Aug. 1, '97.					
Rensselaer...	Bath-on-Hud., "	J. H. Van Doren..	46	60	4	3	145	300	550	No	Yes	..	..				
"	Stuyvesant F's, "	A. W. Hopper....	70	87	1	..	60	600	100	Yes	Yes	..	..				
Rochester...	Arcadia, "	G. Dangremond..	68	170	18	6	75	350	350	Yes	Yes	Res. May 1, '98.					
"	Brighton, "	| D. L. Betten....	75	148	13	10	160	700	300	No	Yes	..	..				
"	Pultneyville, "	M. Van Doorn....	60	147	3	..	130	600	100	Yes	Yes						
"	Palmyra, "	W. Lubach.....	68	130	2	1	70	350	300	Yes	Yes						

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INVESTMENT IN U.S. GOVERNMENT

Rochester	Tyrs.	S. Rederus	40	52	1	61	395	175	Yes	Yes	1000
"	Ontario,	Student	31	36	8	36	160	250	No	Yes	
"	ist Cleveland,	S. Hogenboom	48	98	3	90	705	295	No	Yes	
Saratoga	Easton,	*U. S. Schuhl	40	36	5	40	350	250	No	Yes	
"	Gansevoort,	*J. C. Forbes	46	90	3	61	300	300	Yes	Yes	
Schoharie	Central Bridge,	J. Jongeneel	75	45	4	50	200	300	Yes	Yes	
"	Howe's Cave,	"	60	70	4	60	300	300	No	Yes	
"	Prattsville,	C. M. Dixon	70	41	5	60	300	300	Yes	Yes	
"	Grand Gorge,	"	32	39	10	60	200	200	No	Yes	
"	N. Bienenheim,	W. W. Whitney	51	52	6	72	200	200	Yes	Yes	
"	Breakabeen,	"	48	60	5	98	200	200	No	Yes	
"	Sharon Center,	Isaac Messler	50	74	5	60	300	300	Yes	Yes	
"	Eminece,	Student	...	...	...	...	...	82	No	Yes	
Schenectady	Mt. Pleasant,	*A. B. Herman	45	61	2	175	200	500	Yes	Yes	
"	Bellevue,	*R. J. Hogan	55	48	4	135	...	400	No	Yes	
"	Pros Hill Mis.	Student	50	12	...	156	...	110	No	Yes	
Westchester	Greenburg,	G. A. T. Goebel	40	35	2	80	400	300	Yes	Yes	
"	Unionville,	A. Kuiper	30	85	...	72	500	200	Yes	Yes	
"	West Farms,	*J. D. Peters	30	120	2	64	600	400	Yes	Yes	
"	Peekskill,	H. De Vries	104	196	8	90	600	250	Yes	Yes	

REPORT OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

WESTERN DEPARTMENT.													
CLERGY.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Members.	Rec'd.		Salary.		Church.	Buildings.		REMARKS.	
					Confession.	Certificate.	Church Promised.	Board Care.		Congregation Promised.	Church.		C. R. F. Appropri'd.
Dakota	Centerville, S. D.	W. Miedema.	17	20	...	...	...	150	...	Yes	Yes	*Res. Oct., '97. Center. Church disbanded.
...	Wakonda, "	"	30	15	2	...	...	100	500	Yes	Yes	Self supporting since May 1, '97.
...	Hooker, "	"	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	No	Yes	
...	1st Lennox, "	G. Haken.	40	41	3	...	...	200	400	Yes	Yes	*Student in Summer.
...	2d " "	J. H. Schoon	37	23	...	...	...	100	...	Yes	Yes	
...	3d " "	E. F. Koertlin.	60	22	...	...	...	100	400	No	No	*Bec. pastor Aug. 1, '97.
...	Davis, "	"	86	131	9	6	...	200	300	Yes	Yes		
...	Harrison, "	A. G. Zigeler.	15	31	...	...	...	35	100	300	Yes	*Res. Oct., '97. Center. Church disbanded.
...	Chas. Mix, "	B. Mollema	25	33	...	...	...	110	200	550	Yes	
...	Sioux Falls, "	L. Kingsbury	21	48	9	2	...	47	100	450	Yes	Self supporting since May 1, '97.	
...	Yankton, "	C. F. Dewitz.	35	36	8	3	...	65	200	400	Yes		
...	Salem, "	W. F. Barry.	25	45	...	...	...	25	...	150	No	*Student in Summer.
...	Im'l, Bon Hom."	Cl. Missionary	40	68	17	11	...	100	...	...	Yes	
...	Grandview, "	"	13	29	...	...	...	50	...	...	Yes	*Bec. pastor Aug. 1, '97.
...	Sandham Mem."	"	13	37	5	...	...	20	...	...	No	
...	Boatland, "	"	15	30	...	...	...	45	...	...	No	*Res. Oct., '97. Center. Church disbanded.
...	Van Reale, "	"	47	50	3	1	...	85	400	350	Yes		
...	Westfield, N. D.	*K. Dykema.	40	62	2	10	...	60	200	400	No	Self supporting since May 1, '97.	
...	Atwood, Mich.	Wm. Pool	40	62	2	10	...	60	200	400	No		
...	Coopersville, "	W. H. Bruins	50	96	3	...	...	125	300	250	Yes	

*Res. Oct., '97. Center. Church disbanded.

Self supporting since May 1, '97.

*Student in Summer.

*Dec. pastor Aug. 1, '97.

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Grand River..	Detroit..	J. Kremer.....	50	90	4	4	85	550	400	No	Yes	For 6 months.
"	Falmouth,	"	5	9			20			Yes	Yes	
"	Moddersville,	"	4	9	1		20	200	150	No	Yes	
"	Vogel Center,	"	16	12			14			No	Yes	
"	Fremont,	"	50	86	6	4	65	300	275	Yes	Yes	
"	3d Kalamazoo,	"	98	168			240	500	300	Yes	Yes	Bec. pastor Sept. 1, '97.
"	4th	P. Siegers.....	68	118	13	3	110	550	250	No	Yes	Plus house rent for pastor.
"	"	Jno. Luxea.....	84	138	3	2	145	400	300	Yes	Yes	Paid by a friend.
"	Spring Lake,	"	108	200	18	7	180	600	200	Yes	Yes	
"	7th Gr. Rapids,	J. W. Mullenburg	57	88	10	10	125	300	400	Yes	Yes	*By W. E. C. for Chapel.
"	8th	P. Ihrman.....	68	121	7	2	182	325	350	Yes	Yes	
"	"	I. W. Te Winkel.	60	128	5	4	110	400	300	Yes	Yes	
"	Grandville,	D. Broek.....	38	68			50	125	150	Yes	Yes	For 6 months.
"	Lucas,	J. Vanden Bosch.	47	66			70	250	350	Yes	Yes	
"	New Era,	H. Vander Ploeg	20	24	1	4	40			Yes	Yes	
"	Oakdale Park,	Cl. Missionary.	21	28			35			No	Yes	
"	South Haven,	"	15				36		*85	No	No	*For Student last Summer.
"	Twin Lakes,	"	20				50			No	No	
"	Moorland Mis	"	47	87	5	2	100	400	200	Yes	Yes	
"	Eggteston	W. G. Baas	42	101	5		120	600	350	Yes	Yes	
Holland	Beaverdam.	G. H. Hospers...	51	97	3	2	60	400	250	Yes	Yes	
"	2d Cleveland, O.	J. Vander Meulen	40	65	2		70	200	350	Yes	Yes	
"	Ebenezer, Mich.	W. Wolvins.....	53	117	2	4	110	350	250	Yes	Yes	
"	E. Overisel,	"	65	144	15	2	90	450	250	Yes	Yes	
"	Graafschap,	J. Vander Meulen	35	56	2		60	250	350	Yes	Yes	
"	Hamilton,	H. K. Boer.....	52	86	2	3	110	300	300	Yes	Yes	Paid by a friend.
"	2d Jamestown,	E. S. Schilstra.	45	24	5	7	50		*127	No	Yes	*For Student last Summer.
"	S. Blendon,	D. Scholten, ...	30	42					*65	No	Yes	*For Student last Summer.
"	4th Holland,	Cl. Missionary...	26	27	2		50			No	No	
"	Three Oaks,	"	30	35	2		35	120	125	Yes	Yes	To Student.
"	L. Shore Mis.	"										
"	Bethany.	"										
Illinois.			30	35	2		35	120	125	Yes	Yes	

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WESTERN DEPARTMENT.										REMARKS.			
CLASSES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Members.	Rec'd.		Salary.		Church.		Buildings.		
					Confession.	Certificate.	In Sunday Schools.	Church Provided.			Board Given.	Parsonage.	Congregation.	Church.	C. B. F. Approp'd.
Illinois	Bethlehem.	Ia. C. Missionary	19	20	2	2	20	20	No	No	Yes	Yes	To Student.
"	Bethel.	" D. De Groot.	27	'9	4	1	120	225	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Took charge Aug. 1, '97.
"	Otley.	"	60	59	5	1	75	175	125	Yes	Yes	Yes	Took charge July 1, '97.
"	Manito.	III E. A. Drake.	41	74	6	9	147	250	200	Yes	Yes	Yes	
"	Spring Lake.	"	36	93	33	4	109	200	...	Yes	Yes	Yes	
"	Havana.	" G. W. Scarlet.	72	94	...	4	95	450	500	No	Yes	Yes	
"	Bushnell.	" W. Miedema.	49	51	10	1	75	300	500	Yes	Yes	Yes	
"	ad Pekin.	" P. F. Schuetke.	46	80	4	...	160	450	250	Yes	Yes	Yes	
"	Leighton.	Ia G. Tyse.	45	62	4	2	130	400	250	Yes	Yes	Yes	
"	Galesburg.	" F. Klooster.	47	34	6	1	40	200	375	Yes	Yes	Yes	Took charge Aug 1, '97.
"	Trinity.	Chicago P Noerdye.	48	124	6	4	150	900	800	No	Yes	Yes	Just built church.
"	N. West.	" S. Vanderwerf.	63	126	15	2	145	800	400	No	Yes	Yes	In last yrs. report this should have been \$1000, instead of \$1100.
"	Norwood Pt.	" J. S. Hutchison.	56	82	5	5	150	900	300	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sept. 1, '97.
"	Gr View Mis.	" W. A. Pease.	59	...	...	...	140	...	480	No	No	No	Mission, not yet org. Ch.
"	W. Br. Mis.	" O. J. Scheibe.	27	...	...	...	128	...	...	No	Yes	Yes	Res.
"	Buxey Mission.	Ia C. Missionary	14	No	No	No	New.
"	Prairie C.	"	20	No	No	No	"
Iowa	Bethel	Min 12 7 Distressed	22	No	No	No	"

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		25	20	19	1	25	#100	#150	Yes	No		About to build Ch. *For 6 months.	
Iowa	Clara City.	C. Kriekard.....										Mission.	
"	Silver Creek,	J. W. Te Paske..	12	29	7	1	55	60	No	No		Mission.	
"	Maple L. Mis..	"	15				35	700	No	No		Mission.	
"	Vriesland,	"	20	43	14	6	43	5	No	No		Rebuilt parsonage.	
"	Pella,	Neb. W. Stegeman...	23	44	3	4	38	200	Yes	Yes	500		
"	Firth,	"	11	24	2	2	25	100	No	Yes			
"	Boyden,	Ia. P. Bouma.....	77	124	10	4	114	150	Yes	Yes		Bec. Self-supporting Nov. 1, '97.	
"	Hospers,	" D. TeGrootenhuis	58	93			70	500	Yes	Yes			
"	Hull,	" M E Broekstra..	70	98	16	2	105	100	Yes	Yes		Self support after May 1, '98.	
"	Le Mars.	" *Vacant.....	24	53	1	2	50	300	Yes	Yes		*Rev. S. J. Menning res. Jan. '98.	
"	Sheldon,	"	40	45	7	8	60	*137	No	Yes	500	*For Student. Built Church.	
"	Luctor,	Ks. A. Van Arendonk	75	145	5	4	100	400	Yes	Yes			
"	Rotterdam,	" E. Westing.....	20	34			36	200	Yes	Yes		*For 6 months.	
"	Muscantine,	Ia. J. J. Dragt.....	20	54	7		40	250	No	Yes			
"	Rock Valley,	" J. Huizenga.....	70	103	2	10	112	400	Yes	Yes			
"	Carmel,	" J. W. Te Selle...	35	59	9	13	72	250	Yes	Yes	*700	Built Ch. *Given by W E. C.	
"	Archer Mission,	"										Begun Sept., '97.	
"	4th Pella,	Ia. *Student.....	26				55	140	Yes	Yes		*In Summer.	
Michigan	Bet'y Gr. R., Mich.	J. Lamar.....	70	194	6	2	275	275	Yes	Yes			
"	Britton,	" N. F. Nickerson..	38	30	4	4	107	500	Yes	Yes			
"	De Spelder,	"	18	23	4		40	100	No	Yes			
"	Constantine,	" Vacant.....	30	55			52	300	Yes	Yes		[Sept. 15, '97.	
"	Grace, Gr. R.,	" *J. Van de Erve..	40	58	7	8	15	400	No	Yes		Built temporary Ch. *Rec. pastor	
"	Macon.	" *C. Jongewaard..	50	84	14	5	60	175	No	Yes		For int. *Took ch. Aug. 1, '97.	
"	S. Macon,	"	15	37			40	175	Yes	Yes			
"	2d Muskegon,	" R. Bloemendal...	100	125	6	18	150	600	Yes	Yes	2000	Built new Ch. \$1000 of this by	
"	South Bend, Ind.	" J. P. Winter.....	60	76	21	2	255	400	Yes	Yes		W. E. C.	
Pleasant Pr..	1st Gr. Rapids,	"											
"	Belmond,	Ia. A. J. Reeverts...	74	122	5	1	76	400	Yes	Yes			
"	Alexander,	"	13	18		4	30	63	No				
"	Monroe,	" F. Schaefer.....	55	74	11	3	65	390	Yes	Yes	225		

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WESTERN DEPARTMENT.										REMARKS.	
CLERGY.	PASTORS.	MINISTERS.		Families.	Members.	Confession.	Certificate.	In Sunday Schools.	Salary.		
									Church Promoted.	Parsonage.	Buildings.
									Board Gave.	Church.	C. B. F. Approp'd.

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REPORT OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

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Some totals from the foregoing statistics condense work of the year, which is also placed in comparison with that of the previous year. They are as follows:

	1896-7	1895
<i>Eastern</i> Churches and Missions helped	86	
Missionary Pastors (not including students).....	68	
Number of families.....	4,186	4
Communicants	6,203	6
Received on Confession.....	431	
Received on Certificate	183	
In Sunday-schools.....	8,973	9
<i>Western</i> Churches and Missions helped	131	
Missionary Pastors (not including students).....	84	
Number of families.....	4,873	5
Communicants	7,336	7
Received on Confession.....	584	
Received on Certificate	376	
In Sunday-schools.....	8,961	9

TOTALS.

Churches and Missions.....	217	
Missionary Pastors.....	152	
Families.....	9,059	9
Members	13,539	14
Added on Confession.....	1,016	1
Added on Certificate....	559	
In Sunday-schools.....	17,934	19

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

The new church organizations of the past year are German American Church, of East New York, Brooklyn, the 6th Reformed of Albany, and the church of Wellsboro, Iowa. As the year closes it is reported that the Class of Montgomery has received a petition to organize an African American Reformed Church in the city of Buffalo, N. Y.,

the Classis of Pleasant Prairie to organize a German church in the city of Detroit.

New Missions have been commenced at Archer, Dumond, Bussy, and Prairie City, all in Iowa.

DISBANDED.

The church at Centerville, S. D. was disbanded in February, 1898.

SELF-SUPPORT.

The 1st Church of Lennox, S. D., Boyden, Ia., and Church of the Comforter, N. Y. City, have asked no aid from the Board since early in the year; and the Church of Hull, Ia., and West Hoboken Mission propose to care for themselves financially after May 1, 1898.

CHURCHES BUILT.

Church buildings have been erected for Emanuel Mission, Chicago, Koster and Lansing, Ill., Galesburg, North Sibley, Wellsburg, Sheldon and Carmel, Ia., Grace, Grand Rapids, and 2nd Muskegon, Mich., and Clara City Minn.

Van Raalte Church, South Dakota, was burned in a prairie fire early in April, 1898.

PARSONAGES.

Parsonages have been built at Mt. Pleasant, N. Y., and Pella, Neb., and appropriations have been made for two others to be erected soon.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's complete statement of receipts and expenditures will be found in its place in this report. The usual comparative summary, here given, will show at a glance what the Board has received in the last two years for its work.

REPORT ON

FOR MISSIONARY FUND.

	1896-7	1897-8
From Churches.....	\$24,305.09	\$26,737.23
“ Sunday-schools.....	5,429.71	5,599.43
“ Individuals.....	2,992.03	3,114.01
“ Ladies' Societies.....	525.28	435.45
“ C. E. Societies.....	10.00	
Totals.....	\$33,262.21	\$35,886.12

FOR CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

	1896-7	1897-8
From Churches.....	\$3,545.38	\$4,228.85
“ Sunday-school.....	538.24	524.18
“ Church Builders.....	520.08	555.59
“ C. E. Societies.....	2,238.70	1,999.80
“ Individuals.....	291.50	166.00
“ Ladies' Societies.....	18.50	

Totals.....	\$7,151.40	\$7,474.42
Offerings for both funds.....	\$40,414.61	\$43,360.54
Increase for Missionary Fund.....		2,623.91
“ “ Building “.....		323.02
Total increase in offerings.....		2,946.93
Increase in legacies.....		8,638.44

	1896-7	1897-8
Total offerings for D.M. and C.B.F.	\$40,414.61	\$43,360.54
Legacies for Missionary Fund.....	10,261.97	18,900.41
“ “ Building Fund.....	50.00	
Interest on Investments, etc.....	2,012.83	2,314.64

Totals.....	\$52,739.40	\$64,575.59
Receipts by W. E. Committee....	19,477.96	20,124.04

Grand Total of offerings, legacies and interest.....	\$72,217.36	\$84,699.63
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The figures \$84,699.63, which are given as the total footings, look as if the church was making advance toward

the \$100,000 mark ; but when we analyze we find that nearly \$21,000 of this amount came from legacies and interest on invested funds, and that the living membership of the Reformed Church gave but about \$63,000 during the year just ended, and of this sum over \$20,000 was received by the Woman's Executive Committee of the Board. While the increase in the offerings amounts to nearly \$3,000, we have to report that the appropriations so far exceed the income every year that there is constant apprehension of increasing debt. Had it not been for the unusually large legacies received during the last twelve months, the debt of \$13,172 at the beginning would have been greatly increased.

The debt of the Board is now \$4,947.05. We cannot be too grateful that God inclines some of his people to remember by bequest the work of our Board. We thankfully name those whose gifts were received during the past year: Miss Sarah Bayley, \$15,000; Susan A. Elliott, \$3,600; Mrs. Maria Booraem, \$100; Jacob G. Schomp, \$100. These legacies were doubly welcome because of the emergency which they enabled us to meet. But legacies are an uncertain quantity. Our dependence must be on the gifts of the living; and inasmuch as there is no present prospect of any large legacy in the near future, with increased appropriations being made in consequence of the increased demands on the Board, and with new fields that will soon ask liberal help in the start, the question is before the Board, before the Synod and before the Church, shall we go on and roll up a debt, as must inevitably be the case if we hold all the old and take up the new work? Or shall we curtail the work? Or will our churches, stirred by the patriotic leadership of pastors, come up to our measure of responsibility of evangelizing "our own, our native land?" Will the Synod authorize new work at increased outlay and say "we will stand by you," and having said it, will each member make good his word?

THE FIELD SECRETARY.

The last General Synod resolved "that the Board of Domestic Missions be instructed to consider the expedi-

ency of employing a Field Secretary, and if found expedient, to carry out the plan as soon as practicable."

The reason for the above resolution is given in the following language :

"In casting about for some means to enlarge our Domestic Missionary Work, it appears that the experiment might at least be worth trying, of engaging the services of a Field Secretary, charged with the duty of visiting churches and individuals in the interest of this work, disseminating information in regard to it, and soliciting increased contributions.

"He might be employed also in arousing exertion towards self-support on the part of churches that have leaned too long on the Board for support, as well as in other ways that would occur to the Board in the progress of the work and the exigencies that might arise from time to time."

The Board of Domestic Missions, at the meeting in June last, soon after the adjournment of General Synod, appointed a special committee to report on Synod's recommendation at the next regular meeting of the Board in October. The committee presented an exhaustive report, favoring the recommendation. The Board adopted the report and authorized the executive committee to arrange the details of securing the services of a Field Secretary to perform the work named by Synod, and report to a special meeting of the Board. At such special meeting, held December 20th, at which sixteen of the twenty-four members were present, the executive committee reported that the services of Rev. Wm. Walton Clark had been secured as Field Secretary for one year, beginning January 1, 1898. The recommendation of the executive committee was unanimously adopted by the Board. It will be seen that the Board has not *hastily* adopted the plan proposed by General Synod. Only after an exhaustive consideration of the matter did the Board conclude to add to the expense of administration, by employing another secretary, and with the hope and belief that the added income to the Board, so much needed, will more than justify such an appointment.

Rev. Mr. Clark is well known in our Reformed Churches, especially those in the East. With characteristic energy and tact he has begun his work well, and so far has been cordially welcomed as a worker and solicitor for Home Missions. While it is too soon to predict the ultimate success of this new departure, results up to the present time are encouraging. May God's blessing attend his efforts to secure increased interest and gifts for our Domestic Missions.

THE WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This indispensable auxiliary in our Home Mission work presents a modest statement which is a claim for the renewed congratulations and gratitude of the Board, the Synod and the Church. We give the statement in the language of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Horton.

"The Woman's Executive Committee has the honor to report to the Board of Domestic Missions that it has just brought to a successful close its fifteenth year of work. This has been in every way the best year yet; best in amount of receipts, best in acknowledged interest among the churches, best of all in the sense of our Lord's favor shown us so clearly by His blessing on every branch of the work undertaken and carried on.

"Our total receipts for the year have been \$20,124.04, of which \$16,349.28 was for our general work, and \$3,774.76 for the Indian Mission. From this amount we have given to the Board \$3000 for the salaries of the Classical Missionaries in the Classes of Illinois, Dakota and Pleasant Prairie. We have given \$1,700 towards the support of student missionaries. We have made appropriations for building three new parsonages; for repairing eight that were beginning to grow old; for building two new churches; and for painting, repairing and furnishing twelve that needed the finishing touches. This is the largest list for any one year. Besides this regular work of building and repairing (the latter a wise precaution), we have made a larger number of special gifts than in any

previous year ; and sometimes these are even more welcome—because imperatively needed—than our larger appropriations.

“Our Indian Mission has been carried forward, though not as we had hoped and expected. It is to be borne in mind that the money for this work is never taken from our regular receipts, but must all be from extra gifts. During the year the Indian parsonage has been completed at Colony, Oklahoma, and is now the home of our missionaries there. For the coming year we need a far larger amount for this work if it is to grow as it should. At present no new missions can be established for lack of funds, though opportunities have offered.

For all our work we ask the increased gifts of the loyal people of our denomination.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION WORK.

This, as heretofore, has been under the management of Rev. A. De W. Mason, and he reports a busy year and good results ; not only material results in contributions from the young people, but their education on missionary lines, especially the missions of our own church. In the

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this work is not developed as it could and should be, for the reason that the “force” is not adequate for the necessary labor. Much has been done, however, by the monthly visits of the “Day Star” in many schools, and missionary addresses such as time and opportunity allowed.

So far the most important young people's work has been pushed through the

C. E. MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Mr. Mason has been untiring in this line, having succeeded in securing classical agents for the League in two-thirds of the classes for the purpose of promoting denominational mission work among the C. E. Societies; in hold-

ing nineteen C. E. Missionary rallies in different parts of the church ; in attending State conventions and pressing the missionary idea; and in providing and distributing missionary literature to C. E. Societies. The results to home missions have been \$2,000 contributed by Senior Societies to the C. E. Building Fund and the erection of C. E. Churches Nos. 10, 11, and 12.

The Junior Societies have given to the W. E. C. a considerable sum for the Indian Mission.

The Board is grateful to the C. E. Societies for generous donations to the Church Building Fund, and would again state that the young people can do just now no more important home mission work than to aid in providing houses of worship for newly organized congregations ; a work that tells most substantially in extending and establishing our beloved Zion.

LITERATURE.

The *Mission Field* has been regularly issued under the faithful and efficient management of Rev. A. De W. Mason. An average edition of 3250 copies has been published each month, which is not a material increase in the circulation though there has been an acknowledged increase in the attractiveness and interest of the magazine. The abolition of "club rates" by direction of the publishing committee has not thus far decreased the circulation, while the receipts from subscriptions have increased ; and this fact, together with a reduction in the cost of printing and distributing by the making of new contracts, has diminished the cost to the Boards of sending forth this messenger of missionary tidings to the churches.

The *Day Star*, the children's missionary paper, continues to be received with favor in the Sabbath-schools, and the outlook for its continued and increased circulation is good. It has now reached 15000. In connection with it a "Christmas Exercise" and "Children's Day Exercise" have been issued and sent to the schools which subscribe for the "Day Star;" and notwithstanding the extra expense thus incurred, the receipts from "Day Star" sub-

scriptions have more than met its expenses, and it has never, except at its very start, required the assistance of the Boards for its publication.

A copy of each *Annual Report* of the Board is always sent to every minister in the denomination, and to every individual among the laity who is known to be interested in our work. It is not expected that every church member (not to speak of non-church members) has either sufficient time or interest to study the report in full even if a copy could be placed in their hands, so the Board each year issues *extracts*—salient points of the report in brief leaflet form. A sample of the leaflet is sent to every pastor with a note stating that any number for distribution may be had, postage paid, on application. Pastors tell the Board the people need information. Last year twenty-one pastors, out of the whole number in our church, sent for the leaflet. Comment is unnecessary.

MISSION AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The Board carefully considered the proposal of General Synod, to inaugurate mission work among the colored people of the South. Two localities were suggested, South Carolina and the City of Washington, D. C., as the Synod had received requests from private parties to care for a mission in both. The Board, at its June meeting, appointed a special committee to investigate and report.

The field in South Carolina was found to be out of the question, at least for the present, it being under the care of the Presbyterian Church, which has a claim on its property, and ecclesiastical jurisdiction over its missionary and his work. Not to speak of ecclesiastical comity, our Board is barred by its charter from aiding missions of another denomination.

The chairman of the special committee was sent by the Board to Washington, D. C., to examine and report upon the desirability of establishing a Reformed Church Mission among the colored people of that city. Upon his report to the Board, it was unanimously decided that would be unwise and impracticable to undertake such

mission there, where so many denominations are already in the field.

Later the chairman of the special committee, at the request of the Board, made a journey to the South and personally inspected fields in Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina. As a result of his investigation the committee made the following recommendations to the Board which the Board ordered to be incorporated in the annual report to General Synod:

1. That the town of Florence, Darlington Co., South Carolina, be selected for the beginning of our denominational work among the colored people.

2. That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be appropriated for the purchase of land and the erection of a school building and chapel as the circumstances may require, when such amount shall have been secured for that purpose.

3. That the Rev. Chas. H. Dickerson be commissioned as our missionary among the colored people and principal of the school to be established, with a salary of \$800 per year, and that when the school shall have an average attendance for one month of fifty pupils, Mrs. Dickerson shall be employed as assistant at a salary of \$20 per month.

Resolved, That the above recommendations be submitted to the General Synod for its approval.

The Board, therefore, before proceeding further in this important matter, asks counsel of the Synod.

CONCLUSION.

For whatever has been accomplished through the instrumentality of the Board in sustaining and spreading the gospel of Christ in our land, in strengthening weak churches and gathering new ones, in bringing souls to Jesus, in preparing saints for heaven, in training the young in the knowledge of the way of life, and in promoting the country's good, we give thanks and the glory to God, and at the same time are humbled because more has not been done. When every minister and member of our church feel themselves pledged to this work—pledged

to place it where it belongs in their prayers and gifts, and each successive year finds the pledge fulfilled—when we all take hold of the arm of God's strength and trust with all our hearts in his promises, then may we expect to compass with the gospel the multitudes of the unsaved in our beloved land.

The terms of office of the following members of the Board will expire at the time of the meeting of General Synod in June.

Rev. Cornelius Brett, D. D.,	Henry D. Van Orden, Esq.,
“ Chas W. Fritts, D. D.,	Mr. John S. Bussing,
“ James Le Fevre, D. D.,	“ S. T. Zabriskie,
“ R. H. Joldersma,	“ W. C. Spelman.

Adopted by the Board, May 1898, and ordered to be printed and submitted to General Synod.

CHAS. H. POOL,
Cor. Secretary,

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PASTORAL CHANGES.

EASTERN CHURCHES.

Rev. J. C. Forbes succeeded Rev. C. W. Clowe at Easton, N. Y., June, '97.

Rev. Conrad Bluhm become pastor of 1st Church Hoboken, N. J., May 1, '97.

Rev. Daniel P. Doyle took charge of the newly organized church at Sunnyside, L. I. City.

Rev. D. L. Betten removed from Paterson, N. J. and became pastor at Brighton, N. Y., August 1, '97.

Rev. Jacob Weber resigned the pastorate at Ridgewood, L. I., in September, '97, and was succeeded by Rev. George R. Israel, Nov. 1, '97.

Rev. J. B. Thyne, stated supply at Bellevue, Schenectady, N. Y., was succeeded by Rev. R. J. Hogan as pastor, Nov. 1, '97.

Rev. Lauren Vanderveer, who had served Mt. Pleasant, Schenectady, since the organization of the church, died Aug. 17, '97, and was succeeded by Rev. A. B. Herman, Sept. 1, '97.

Rev. David Junor, became pastor at Huguenot, S. I. in Oct., '97.

Rev. Fred. Dekker resigned the charge at Wortendyke N. J., Nov. 1, '97, and Rev. W. Lubach has been called from Palmyra, N. Y., to succeed him.

The 6th Reformed Church at Albany, N. Y., was organized Dec. 29, '97, and Rev. G. W. Furbeck has been called as the first pastor.

Rev. W. G. Myles was called and settled at Garfield, N. J.

The German American Reformed Church of East New York, Brooklyn, was organized in Oct. '97, and Rev. W. J. H. Boetcker became the first pastor Nov. 1, '97.

Rev. Joseph D. Peters resigned the charge at West

Farms, New York City, Dec. 6, '97, to accept a call to the Reformed Church at Canajoharie, N. Y.

Rev. G. M. Conover relinquished the combined charges of Hawthorne and North Paterson, N. J. to settle at Clarkstown, N. Y., and Rev. Wm. Johnston has been called from the 2nd Church of Lodi, N. J. to succeed him.

Rev. U. S. Schaul resigned his pastorate at Easton, N. Y. to accept that at Wynantskill, N. Y.

Rev. Matt Muller resigned the charge of the 3rd Church of Bayonne, N. J., July 1, '97, and was succeeded by Rev. H. L. Franzen, Nov. 1, '97.

Rev. G. DeGraf, licentiate, has supplied Dashville Falls, N. Y., during the year.

Rev. Chas. M. Dixon has been pastor of the combined charges of Prattsville and Grand Gorge, N. Y. since June, '97.

The Board, at the request of the South Classis of Long Island made a small appropriation to the church at St. Thomas, W. I., and Rev. J. C. Hume was sent to be the pastor.

WESTERN CHURCHES.

Rev. M. E. Broekstra began his pastorate at Hull, Ia., Rev. P. Swart at Lansing, Ill., Rev. J. W. Te Selle at Carmel, Ia., and Rev. A. Van Arendonk at Luctor, Kan., June 15, 1897.

Rev. C. J. Sonnema exchanged the charge at Bushnell, Ill., for that of First Pekin, Ill., August 1, '97, and Rev. Wm. Miedema succeeded Mr. Sonnema at Bushnell, after resigning the combined charges of Centerville, Hooker, and Wakonda, S. D.

Rev. E. A. Drake became the pastor of the combined churches of Manito and Spring Lake, Ill., July 1, '97.

The church of Wellsburg, Ia., was organized June 2, '97, and Rev. John Muller took charge as Stated Supply, Aug 1, '97.

Rev. John Schaefer was placed in charge of the church at White Rock, Ill., in June, '97.

Rev. G. Tysse was made pastor of Leighton, Ia., Rev. C. Jongewaard of Macon and South Macon, Mich.,

Rev. K. Dykema of Westfield, N. Dak., and Rev. D. De Root Stated Supply of Bethel and Otley, Ia., Aug. 1, '97.

Rev. P. Siegers was called to the Third Church ofalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 1, '97.

Rev. John Vande Erve became the first pastor of the recently organized Grace Church of Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 15, '97.

Mr. W. A. Pease, licentiate, relinquished charge of Grand View Mission of Irving Park Church, Chicago, Sept. 1, '97, on account of broken health, and was succeeded by Mr. Otto J. Scheibe, also a licentiate. Mr. Scheibe has since been transferred to Immanuel Mission of the same church.

Rev. S. J. Menning removed from Le Mars, Ia., to the combined charges of Churchville and Roseland, Minn., Jan 1, '98.

Rev. E. F. Koerlin took charge of the churches of Davis and Third Lennox, S. Dak., May 1, '97.

RECOMMENDED BY GENERAL SYNOD.

If for the MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT:

If for the CHURCH BUILDING FUND:

In making bequests to

THE WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

say :

I give unto the Board of Domestic Missions of the
Reformed Church in America, Dollars,
to be applied to Domestic Missions by the Women's
Executive Committee connected with said Board.



The BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN S. BUSSING, Treasurer.

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April 30, 1898.

By contributions as follows :

From Churches.....	\$26,737 23	
“ Sunday Schools.....	5,599 43	
“ Individuals.....	3,241 01	
“ Ladies Auxiliaries.....	308 45	
	<hr/>	\$35,886 12

From Women's Executive Committee :

For Missionary Salaries.....	\$1,000 00	
“ Classical Missionaries.....	3,000 00	
“ Student Missionaries	500 00	
“ Student Missionaries, 1898-9.....	1,700 00	
	<hr/>	6,200 00

By Legacies, viz :

Miss Sarah Bayley.....	\$15,098 83	
Susan Elliott.....	3,601 58	
Mrs. Maria Booraem.....	100 00	
Jacob Schomp.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	18,900 41

By interest on Legacies held in trust, viz :

Graham Memorial.....	\$666 63	
Milledoller Memorial.....	666 63	
Blauvelt Memorial.....	24 30	
Brownlee Memorial.....	48 60	
Rachel Ann Ryeson.....	85 00	
J. Van der Veer, D.D	40 25	
Jane H. Elmendorf.	41 30	
John Antonides.....	79 25	
Family of late Goyn Talmage, D.D	10 52	
	<hr/>	1 662 48

By Interest on balances in Trust Co.....	159 50	
From designated cash given last year by W. E. C. for Student Missionary Salaries, 1897-8....	1,000 00	
By Balance (amount borrowed).....	4,947 05	

\$68,755 56

NOTE—The total indebtedness of the Board, April 30, 1898, is \$4,947.05.

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May 1, 1897. DR.

To balance from old account (borrowed)..... \$3,172 35

April 30, 1898.

To payments as follows :

Missionary Pastors..... \$45,501 99

Student Missionaries..... 2,542 28

48,044 27
166 50

To Missionary traveling expenses.....

To Board's proportion for publication of The Mis-
sion Field, May 1, 1897 to May 1, 1898..... 661 95

To Printing Annual Reports..... 181 92

" " " " 5,000 Extracts..... 35 00

" " 1,500 Pamphlets..... 30 00

1,000 Mite Boxes..... 70 00

978 87

To Office Expenses, viz :

Rent and care of Offices..... 926 80

Postage, stationery and printing..... 182 86

Sundries..... 115 31

1,224 97

To Corresponding Secretary..... 2,400 00

" " " traveling expenses.... 68 60

" Field Secretary (four months)..... 800 00

" Treasurer's Clerk..... 200 00

3,468 60

To Loan (being amount returned to Contingent
Fund)..... 10,000 00

To designated cash held for Student Missionary
Salaries for 1898-9..... 1,700 00

\$68,755 56

JOHN S. BUSSING, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct, May 26, 1898.

H. D. VAN ORDEN, }
WM. N. CLARK. } *Auditing Committee.*

Detailed Statement of Payments to Missionary Pastors and Student Missionaries for Salaries from May 1st, 1897, to April 30th, 1898.

Ackert, W. R.....	\$ 300	Hogenboom, S.....	235
Allen, H. B.....	127 50	Hopper, A. W.	100
Auchmuty, W., Treas.....	50	Hosper, G. H.....	350
Bass, W. G.....	225	Huber, Jacob F.....	50
Barney, W. F.....	400	Hueneman, J.....	118 75
Bayles, Theo. F.....	141 38	Huizenga, Jno.....	425
Bender, A. G. F.....	250	Hume, J. C.....	66 67
Betten, D. L.....	225	Hutchison, J. N.....	225
Blekkink, E. J.....	500	Ihrman, P.....	400
Bloemendal, R.....	400	Israel, Geo. R.....	200
Boer, H. K.....	250	Jannsen, R.....	375
Boetcker, W. J. H.....	150	Janssen, W. T.....	275
Bauma, P. A. J.....	75	John, C. C. A. L.....	1000
Bouton, P. N., Treas.....	150	Johnston, Wm.....	200
Brinck, Henry.....	22 50	Joldersma, R. H.....	80
Broek, D.....	300	Jongeneel, Jas.....	300
Broekstra, M. E.....	87 50	Jongewaard, C. A.....	125
Brooks, J. W., for Students' Missionary.....	200	Junor, David.....	116 67
Bruins, Wm.....	250	Karsten, J. H.....	225
Compton, W. E.....	150	Keator, E. H.....	100
Conover, G. M.....	233 38	Kelder, Edward.....	82 50
Cussler, H. C.....	500	Kingsbury, L.....	550
Dangremond, G.....	350	Klooster, F.....	375
Dangremond, G. C.....	159	Koechl, F.....	262 50
DeBeer, Jno.....	175	Korlin, E. H.....	400
De Groot, D.....	133 38	Kots, J. W.....	53
De Jonge, A. W.....	127 50	Kremer, John.....	450
Dekker, Fred'k.....	100	Kriekard, C.....	300
De Spelder, J. A.....	100	Kuipers, Albert.....	200
De Vries, H.....	125	Lamar, J.....	275
De Witz, C. F.....	450	Lawrence, Charles L.....	127 50
Ditmar, C. P., for Mt. Pleasant.	125	Lepeltak, C.....	25
Dixon, C. M.....	300	Lubach, W.....	300
Doyle, Dan'l P.....	75	Lubbers, Fred.....	59 50
Dragt, J. J.....	350	Luxen, John.....	250
Drake, E. A.....	166 66	McNiesh, Mrs. J. E., Treasurer	75
Dykhuisen, H.....	37 70	Maar, Chas.....	600
Dyckema, K.....	262 50	Manchee, Wm.....	250
Enders, J. H.....	909 96	Menning, S. J.....	358 33
Englesman, J.....	85	Mershon, A. L.....	150
Ficken, H. C.....	82	Messler, Isaac.....	200
Ficken, J.....	181 25	Menlendyke, J.....	350
Fitch, Alonzo.....	85	Miedema, Wm.....	500
Forbes, J. C.....	275	Miller, Henry.....	150
Force, F. A.....	275	Moerdyke, P.....	300 01
Flikkema, G.....	161 50	Mollenbeck, B.....	237 50
Franzen, H. L.....	150	Mollema, B.....	300
Frieling, H.....	64 20	Morris, J. N.....	150
Gauss, J.....	300	Mullenburg, T. W.....	200
Girtanner, C.....	100	Müller, John.....	225
Goebel, G. A. T.....	300	Müller, M.....	58 33
Goebel, L.....	168 75	Myers, H. V. S.....	83 33
Gruys, W. S.....	151 65	Myles, W. G.....	350
Gulick, J. I.....	300	Nickerson, N. F.....	575
Gunther, Aug.....	312 50	Peters, J. D.....	241 66
Gutweller, E.....	75	Pietenpol, H. J.....	412 50
Harmeling, S. J.....	1000	Pool, Wm.....	400
Harris, D. T.....	675	Poot, Jno. W.....	200
Hasbrouck, J., Treas.....	400	Rederus, S.....	168 73
Hauser, Geo.....	200	Reeverts, A. J.....	100
Heemstra, J. F.....	137 50	Ruhl, F. W.....	100
Heines, C.....	400	Scarlet, G. W.....	487 50
Heininger, J.....	200	Schaefer, Frederick.....	225
Herman, A. B.....	333 38	Schaefer, Jno.....	229 17
Hoekje, Jno.....	275	Schanl, U. S.....	187 50
Hoffman, Jno.....	125	Schelbe, O. J.....	260
Hogan, R. J.....	200	Schillstra, E. S.....	350
		Schoon, J. H.....	400

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Schlieder, F. E.	200	Vonden Bosch, T. M.	810
Schaucker, Geo.	120	Vander Meulen, Jacob.	250
Schuelke, P. F.	250	Vander Meulen, John.	250
Shaw, Alex.	125	Vander Ploeg, H.	850
Sigera, P.	200	Vanderweef, S.	425
Sletema, Jno.	856 25	Van Doorn, M.	100
Sonnema, C. J., supplies.	38	Van Doren, J. H.	550
Sonnema, C. J.	125	Van Dyke, Alex. S.	400
Span, Wm. C.	50	Veenker, G.	1100
Spoer, H. H.	119 50	Venema, S.	300
Stepman, Wm.	300	Voorhees, J. Brounlee.	66 85
Stockwell, A. P.	899 96	Vander Meulen, John.	99 50
Strong, W. V. D.	200	Weber, J.	150
Swart, P.	300	Westing E.	150
Te Grootenhuis, T. J.	200	Whitney, W. W.	200
Te Grootenhuis, J. H. E.	108 50	Williamson, W. H.	60
Te Paske, J. W.	700	Willoughby, H. C.	200
Te Selle, J. W.	262 50	Winter, J. P.	512 50
Te Winkle, J. W.	375	Wolvius, Wm.	850
Thomson, J. A.	100	Wyckoff, C. S.	400
Thormann, E. H.	162 50	Zigeler, A. G.	300
Thyne, J. B.	100	Zinder, G.	150
Tysee, G.	187 50	Zwemer, F. J.	1000
Van Arendonk, A.	262 50	Zwemer, F. J., for supplies.	50
Van Burk, John.	500		
Vandeburg, S.	167 50		
Van de Erve, John.	812 50		
			<u>\$48,044 27</u>

Individual Contributions to Domestic Missions.

Rev. G. Veenker.....	\$ 5
Miss J. V. A	25
Two members, 2d Philadelphia.	5
Gerard Beekman.....	25
Peter Lott.....	25
Miss C. L. Roberts.....	10
Miss S. M. Lansing.....	18
"Continued ".....	5
Member, 1st Hackensack.....	50
Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	2
Simon D. Baker.....	1
Glenham S. S.....	1
Members, Ref. Ch., Kingston, N. Y.....	25
Mrs. Mary E. Scott.....	10
Mrs. Kate V. D. Searle.....	10
Rev. Dr. W. S. Mills.....	10
"Kingston, N. Y.".....	25
Viola J. Morrison.....	1 01
"A ".....	12
Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	2
John Bingham.....	20
Cedar Grove, Wi.....	18
Mrs. E. D. Wynkoop.....	5
"Friend ".....	100
Family of Rev. G. Veenker....,	10
Eleanor C. Heermance.....	100
P. Semellnk.....	25
Rev. John N. Jansen.....	10
Miss Harriet B. Bradner.....	1
"Absent Member," Millbrook, N. Y.....	5
M. M. Greenwood.....	20
Miss Alida Van Schaick.....	500
Peter Lott... ..	25
Rev. H. Huizinga.....	5
Duncan D. Chaplin.....	50
Rev. S. W. Mills.....	10
Rev. Wm. A. Shaw.....	10
Mrs. Ungenaunt.....	2
Rev. A. Stegeman.....	5
Rev. S. W. Mills.....	10
Rev. J. G. Smart	5
Mr. and Mrs. Van Deursen.....	10
Rev. D. K. Van Doren.. ..	5
"Friend ".....	2 50
Mrs. Chas. B. Wheeler.....	1
Rev. H. D. B. Mulford.....	20
The Misses Van Wagenen.....	30
"Friend ".....	50
"Member," Rock Valley, Ia... ..	2 50
Mrs. E. J. Daw.....	5
Sanford E. Cobb.....	25
Mrs. N. Shoemaker.....	5
Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	25
Rev. T. A. Beekman, "Tythe Box ".....	5
Rev. James E. Bernart.....	5
Miss M. Reed.....	3 50
Mrs. H. Quaritius.....	2
Rev. G. Veenker.....	5
J. T. Lansing.....	50
Rev. F. R. Atwater.....	50
Rev. Jas. Demarest, D.D.	25
Miss M. S. Joelin	30
"Friend of Missions ".....	5
Member, Kiskatom	10
"A ".....	12
Rev. and Mrs. H. Vander Ploeg	2 50
Mrs. B. H. Nostrand.....	20
"C. M. Alton, Iowa".....	20
"Friend," Somerville, N. J....	5
"Friend," North Church, New- ark.....	1000
Miss Mary Conover.....	10
Mrs. R. S. W	20
Dr. Cobb.....	25
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kollen.....	10
Dr. Haring.....	5
Miss Mary Davidson.....	2
Miss E. D. Sumner.....	500
Member 2d Cleveland.....	5
Mrs. Geo. Rockwell.....	5
Family of Rev. G. Veenker....	15
Arthur G. Vedder.....	10
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	\$2941 01

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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"GRAHAM MEMORIAL FUND."

THE CORNELIA GRAHAM LEGACY "is to be a perpetual fund for spreading the Gospel; the principal is to be invested, and the income is to be applied solely to Missionary purposes in the Western States and Territories of the United States."

Amount of this fund invested in bonds secured by mortgage	
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"MILLEDOLLAR MEMORIAL FUND."

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"THE GARETT J. BLAUVELT LEGACY."

"The income shall be applied to the work of the Board of Domestic Missions."

On deposit in United States Trust Company, April 30, 1898..	\$1,000 00
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"KATHARINE B. BROWNLEE MEMORIAL."

On deposit in United States Trust Company, April 30, 1898..	\$2,000 00
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"THE CONTINGENT FUND."

Amount set apart as Contingent Fund.....	\$10,000 00
April 30, 1898, Loaning to Domestic Mission account.....	\$4,947 05
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On deposit in Union Trust Co., April 30, 1898.....	\$5,052 95

HELD IN TRUST FOR W. E. C.

April 30, 1898, Legacy and interest to date.....	\$2,160 36
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The CHURCH BUILDING FUND of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHNS. BUSSING, Treasurer.

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May 1, 1897.

By Balance from old account		\$655 41
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April 30, 1898.

By contributions as follows :

From Churches.	\$4,228 85	
" Sunday-schools.	524 18	
" Church Builders.	555 59	
" C. E. Societies.	1,999 80	
" Individuals.	166 00	
	<hr/>	7,474.42

By appropriations received from the
Women's Executive Committee, viz.:

For Churches:

Hamilton, Mich.	\$1,000 00	
Carmel, Iowa.	700 00	
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For Parsonages :

Mt. Pleasant, N. Y.	\$1,000 00	
Pella ,Nebraska	500 00	
Fourth Holland, Mich.	850 00	
Atwood, Mich.	600 00	
	<hr/>	2,950 00
		4,650 00

By sale of Churches, &c., viz.:

Dunkirk, N. Y.	\$300 00	
Henderson, N. Y.	25 00	325 00
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From B. & M. on Church :

Saugatuck, Mich.	23 00	
Rent of Parsonage, Norris, Ill.	65. 25	88 25
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By interest on legacy. John Antonides. . .		79.41
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	<hr/>	\$13,272 49
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April 30, 1898.	DR.		
To payments as follows :			
To Churches :			
Chapin Iowa.....	\$500 00		
Morrison, Ill,.....	1,000 00		
Galesburg, Iowa	400 00		
Carmel, Iowa.....	700 00		
Sheldon, Iowa.....	500 00		
	<hr/>	\$3,100 00	
To Parsonages :			
Mt. Pleasant, N. Y	1,000 00		
Pella, Neb.....	500 00		
	<hr/>	1,500 00	4,600 00
To Interest on Bonds and Mortgages on Churches, viz.:			
Falmouth, Mich.....	\$14 00		
Gardiner, N. Y.....	60 00		
Macon, Mich....	36 00		
Detroit, Mich.....	70 00		
First Grand Rapids, Mich.....	250 00		
	<hr/>		430 00
To Church of the Comforter, N. Y., rent,			80 00
To Bedford Church Brooklyn :			
Assessments.....	\$495 61		
Repairs.....	84 99		
Water Taxes....	47 10		
	<hr/>	627 70	
To Insurance on Church, Salem....		37 50	
		<hr/>	665 20
To Treasurer's Clerk			100 00
To Designated Gifts, from Women's Ex-			
ecutive Committee.....			2,450 00
*To Cash Balance.....			4,947 29
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			\$13,272 49
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E. & O. E.
April 30, 1898.

JOHN S. BUSSING,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, May 26, 1898.
H. D. VAN ORDEN, }
WM. N. CLARK. } Auditing Committee.

*The greater portion of this has been designated, but the cash has not been called for, pending preparation of legal papers.

Individual Contributions to the Church
Building Fund.

Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	2	Rev. S. W. Mills.....	5
Rev. H. D. B. Mulford.....	15	Mrs. C. A. Bogert....	2
Member 1st Hackensack.....	50	" Friend ".....	22
" Shut-in ".....	2	Family Rev. G. Veenker.....	10
Miss Cath. A. Duryee.....	10	Arthur G. Vedder.....	15
Members of Reformed Church,		G. Veenker.....	3
Kingston, N. Y.....	25		
Rev. A. Stegeman.....	3		
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			\$106

BULAR STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

ese tables include all gifts for the different departments, except where the
r church connection of the giver, or both, are unknown.

ASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
assis of Albany.								
lbany.....	\$ 827 43		500	\$75 55		\$10	\$168 90	\$1081 88
Avenue.....	982 81		50	216 93	\$70		248 08	1517 82
lbany.....							85	85
Albany.....	32			2 50			25	59 50
Albany.....	10	\$21 70					45	76 70
thlehem.....	23 09				7 25		53	83 34
Bethlehem.....	48			5	5		17 75	75 75
Berne.....	1 63			54				2 17
	5 88			1 96				7 84
le.....							10	10
s.....	50						23	73
n.....	4 18	3	5	2 28		5 72	13 50	33 68
m.....							4 73	4 73
shaw.....								
timore.....	2 70						41 23	43 93
	2 30			2				4 30
						50	5	5 50
assis of Bergen.								
ackensack.....	122 46	40	50	50	10 75		80 17	358 38
nburgh.....	50 65	49 44	4				66 43	170 52
Neighborhood.....	10 06			7			32 75	49 81
rham.....	100	30		55 03	35	10	129	359 08
oboken.....								
ergen.....	16			16			25	57
Hackensack.....	205 99	64 47		25 78			240 38	536 62
Evangelical, Hoboken.....	14 62						5	19 62
ackensack.....	5 18							5 18
	22	3 55					84 83	60 38
	18 57				18 05	33 24	35	104 86
rg.....		7 64					14	21 64
Avenue, Jersey City.....	15				10 10	6 02	5	36 12
hill.....	5 37	5 06			9 48	10	25	54 91
alley, N. J.....	4 74				3 23			7 97
d.....	54 72	12 67				10 18	35 75	118 32
	47 95	11 31				10	53 26	122 52
ck Heights.....						5		5
oboken Chapel,....	23						6	29

REPORT ON

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv's	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
South Classes of Bergen.								
Bergen	\$190 74			110 08	\$24 28	\$10	\$139 33	\$404 41
First, Bayonne	53 54	12		7 86		15	10	85 35
Wayne Street	62 53	21			43 67	13 35	108 55	203 53
Bergen Point	50	50		6			88 70	143 70
Second, Hudson City	22 58							22 58
Lafayette	26 80	25		14 63		5 87	35 34	107 22
Greenville	29 40	13 53					33 35	76 23
Free, Jersey City						10 28	8	18 56
Third, Bayonne								28
First, German Evangelical	10							
St. John's, German Evangelical								
Park, Jersey City	21 64			13 49				35 13
Classes of Dakota.								
Centerville							10 23	10 23
Hooker							7	7
Wakonda, Olive Leaf							23 10	23 10
Sandham Memorial							29 50	29 50
Sioux Falls	5			3				14
Scotland, Ebenezer	14 30							14 30
Second, Lennox	55			30			110	195
Davis	13 30							13 30
Salem	5			4				9
Charles Mix	7 35							7 35
Harrison	91 09			12 34			18 28	121 71
Grand View	3 50						11 40	14 90
Hope	16 55			8 35			35 70	50 80
Immanuel	25						16	41
First, Lennox	30			10				40
3rd " (Delaware)	16 28							16 28
Orange City	30 75	6			6	10 14	45 15	101 50
Yankton	9 91	1 16					5	11 07
Van Rensselaer							28 55	28 55
Wormser City								
Classes of Grand River								
Atwood	5							15
Coopersville		22					19 57	41 57
Detroit	11	30		11				52
Falmouth	2							2
Fremont	7 06	2 40			2 34	9 60	10	25 19
First, Grand Haven	30	41 51					17 65	79 16
Second, Grand Rapids	38 17						10	48 17
Third, "	10			5				15
Fourth, "	23	30 77		15		5	30 77	64 22
Fifth, "							10	10
Sixth, " (Oakdale Pk.)	27 50							27 50
Seventh, "	31 43	28 53		15 35		5	15	80 81
Eighth, "	8 50	13 50		3 50				25 90
Ninth, "	20			4				24
Grandville	10	15					5	30
First, Kalamazoo	27 58	9 43			7 91		30 31	64 97
Third, "	10						15	25
Fourth, "	17						1 50	18 50
Moddersville	1						25	26
First, Muskegon	13 45						19 60	33 05
New Era	19		2 50	4 75				26 20
Lucas	5							5
South Haven	35							35
Spring Lake	36 59						5	37 09
Twin Lakes	30	9						39
Vogel Center	3							3
Moorland Mission	7 75							7 75

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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SOCIETIES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. B. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	C. B. Societies.		
State of Greene.								
Ans.		28 45					35 65	63 10
1								1
247 07		56 13		31 70	8 12		165 82	509 34
ackie.	21 21	7 84		6 10		12 50	23 50	74 25
194 06		100		8 55		18 25		210 85
16	4 79	10		12		6 50	23 50	77 79
14 63				3 08		10	16 70	44 35
State of Holland.								
30	21 78			4 35			1	47 11
27 49	18 36	5			10		7	57 86
8 63								8 63
9 58	10 25						10 50	30 23
57								57
13 69				2 95			14 23	30 93
14 90	16 78						1 50	33 18
40 11	62 15					8 30	23 00	133 56
26 42							4 02	30 44
20 32	51 54	6		7 12				88 98
2 73							1	3 73
16 45	33	5		15 54		4	8	38 99
64		10				15	73 11	152 11
6 28	20						13	49 23
19							10	29
42 50	40	25		16			28	145 80
64	175 26			14			112 25	357 51
56 75								56 75
75								75
State of Hudson.								
25 80	2 41			6 79			88 80	123 80
5 88	1 50			1 53			5 90	13 73
29 78	30 27			16 12		12 45	27 65	106 31
18 68	4 20			2 42			25	45 30
187 63	56 66			51 44		7	70 50	323 05
15 60							2 35	18 30
9 19							12	21 19
23 88	8 52			6 65	1 33		13 26	63 51
170 12	24 65			17 69		7 50	57 95	273 08
8 21								58 21
7 50				2 58	5 48		11	27 50
State of Illinois.								
\$ 25								25
9 33								9 33
9	7					8		19
21 89				20 20			\$14	\$ 43 95
City of Chicago.								
56 46	20					30	12	118 46
9 60							8	12 60
34 51					2 18			44 08
6 70	2 50			3 76				13 95
5	1							6
							10	10
17 25				3 41				20 46
23 68	5 95			2 50	13 62	39 60	35 82	125 45
	13 32					7 50	15	35 62
City of Chicago.								
52 62	10					10	19 45	92 00
2 50								2 50

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. & C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'l.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
North Classis of Long Island.								
(CONTINUED)								
Loonet Valley.....	5					3 50	17	25 50
College Point.....	50	14 25		14 75	5 20	10	7 30	101 68
First Long Island City.....	6 75	7 00	1 01		2 50		5	24 27
Bushwick.....								
German Evang., Jamaica.....	7			8				10
Hicksville.....								
Second, Newtown, German.....	6			3				9
Steinway.....	225						30 03	255 03
South Bushwick, German.....				4				4
New Hyde Park.....	1							1
Sunnyside, L. I. City.....		12						12
South Classis of Long Island.								
First, Brooklyn.....	283 08			60 34			116 50	660 12
First, Flatbush.....	250	477 05		23 67			163 10	922 83
Grace Chapel.....	5					18	12	30
New Utrecht.....	500	138 25	90			25	215 71	899 56
Flatlands.....	18 88	72 25		16 10	15 50	20	15	157 73
Gravesend.....	69 69	79 28		18 20		5	131 60	293 77
New Lots.....	21 69	40	50			14 25	10 52	136 46
East New York.....		5				10	82	97
South Brooklyn.....	133 05	25		19 50	37 96	17	16	348 51
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	82 40	45 56					10	107 96
North, Brooklyn.....		1 67					15	16 67
On the Heights, Brooklyn.....	249 36			22 02			209 30	520 55
Bethany Chapel.....		25				5	50	75
New Brooklyn.....	25			10				35
Second, Flatbush.....	8							8
Camarero.....	35		2	4				41
Bedford.....								
St. Thomas, W. I.....								
Ocean Hill.....								
Edgewood.....							10	10
Edgewood.....	18 50							18 50
Greenwood Heights.....	10			11 38	5		20	46 33
Bay Ridge.....	40 11						10	50 11
Classis of Michigan.								
Bethany, Grand Rapids.....	10 55	40				25	15	90 55
Britton.....	5			4 17	3 91	1	5	19 06
Centerville.....							2	2
Constantine.....								
De Spelder.....	1 25							1 25
Grace, Grand Rapids.....	4							4
Second, Grand Haven.....	34 68	34 89					10	69 56
First, Grand Rapids.....	26 79						11	67 79
Hope, Holland.....	52 72	41		9 45			22 92	130 09
Second, Kalamazoo.....	36 29	10 67		23 74		15	34 95	120 66
Macon.....	12					2 50	3	17 50
Second, Muskegon.....	6 50						10	16 50
South Bend.....	13 80			1 96	5 85			20 91
South Macon.....								
Classis of Monmouth.								
First, Freehold.....	13 96			1 74		1 12	22 25	37 11
Holmdel.....	51 40	75 12		5 21	8 01	12 75	35 98	129 49
Middletown.....	21 37			4	2 50	7 65	14 99	50 51
Second, Freehold.....	92 92	75 11		85 77	13 47	20 64	45	313 13

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Indy'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Monmouth. (CONTINUED).								
Keyport.....							7	7
Long Branch.....								
Colt's Neck.....	19 66			4 36			14 76	38 77
Highlands.....								
Asbury Park.....	20	10		6				26
Classis of Montgomery.								
Amsterdam, First.....	28 07	17 20		8	6		43 93	97 23
Trinity.....	11 80	2					15 05	26 85
Artesville.....	13 50						6 50	20
Canajoharie.....	22 10			8 91			12	43 01
Cleero.....								
Columbia.....	4							4
Cranesville.....								
Currytown.....	32 75			4		10	16 15	60 90
Ephratah.....								
Florida.....	20 00						7	27
Fonda.....	80 39	5		11 16		10	21 90	125 44
Fort Berkimer.....	85			2				87
Fort Plain.....	29 32		10	15			45 04	100 94
Fultonville.....	80	50		25		10	30	145
Glen.....	8 00			6 15				14 15
Hagaman.....	4						5 50	9 50
Herkimer.....	47 26			10 77	19 79	11 80	30 26	129 02
Johnstown.....	10			5 55		1 30		17 35
Manheim.....								
Mapletown.....	8 87							8 87
Mohawk.....				3	10	5	16 50	25 04
Naumburg.....	51							51
Owasco.....	7 0			6 40		4		13 40
Owasco Outlet.....	18 27					10	5	28 27
Point Rock.....								
St. Johnsville.....	10				11 50	4 34	30	45 84
Sprakers.....	7 97			8 27		1 50	15	23 74
Stone Arabia.....	1 50			1 25				3 75
First, Syracuse.....	21 10			25 45	50		68	104 15
Second, ".....	5 55			2 68	3 45	10 40	23	45 08
Thousand Islands.....							21	21
Utica.....	70 67	7 83		33 15			62	173 15
West Leyden.....	25			1 23			11	27 23
Classis of Newark.								
Bellville.....	25 16	17 51		4 23		13 26	43 16	104 06
First Newark.....							3	3
Irvington.....	2 50	13 57		1 25		11 07		27 39
N. Y. Av. Newark.....	20	59 07		9 58		18 72	135 05	223
Franklin.....	27 18	2 24		4 18			17 55	51 30
North Newark.....	2500	273 03	1000				704 30	4477 30
West ".....	15	3						18
Clinton Avenue, Newark.....	470 09	65		33 39			233 10	981 37
Trinity, Newark.....	19 12	17 17		6 80		5		71 59
Linden.....		5 08						5 08
Woodside, Newark.....	23 90							23 90
Stone House Plains.....	40 75					1 25	23 25	65 25
Orange.....	289 33		30				5	289 38
Trinity, Plainfield.....	110 26	50		34 30		16 35	04 17	317 08
German.....	10			6				16
Montclair Heights.....	12 60					6 40		19

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. & C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'l's.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classes of N. Brunswick.								
First, New Brunswick.....	98 02 75			112 60		25	353 54	564 80
Franklin Park.....	225 84 88				2 52	8 71	78 50	316 25
Hillsborough.....	41 78			8 25		15	61 61	121 79
Middlebush.....	79	18 81		17 86	6 64	2 50	38 25	152 54
Ortigstown.....	12 75			1 55	9 48	3 25	56 35	82 66
Second, New Brunswick.....	149			38			321 96	505 86
Round Brook.....	29 08					5	26 50	60 52
Third, New Brunswick.....								
East Milestone.....	7 15			9 63		1 50	34 13	42 41
Metuchen.....	49 01			11			82 17	98 18
Seydam St., N. Brunswick.....	59 48						112 76	172 94
Highland Park.....	4			1 42			18 50	21 92
Spotwood.....							18 58	16 58
Classes of New York.								
Collegiate.....	3424 60	137 86	45	561 17	27 18	11 02	1904 25	6110 56
Thirty-fourth Street.....	75	50		25		4 25	28	212 25
Knox Memorial.....	95 79 75			16		7 84		193 53
Vernilys Chapel.....								
Harlem Collegiate.....	419 06			153 45		50 19	639 19	1147 89
South Church.....	135			12 68			187	804 63
Memor Chapel.....		80				3 25	25	57 25
Fort Richmond.....	19 75 100			12 92		84	111 66	268 58
Bloomington.....						15	12	27
Madison Avenue.....	615 01			50		26 50	109 54	800 75
German Evangelical Mission.....	50	15		25				90
Huguenot.....	30			2				22
West Haven.....	6 57 54 85			3 28		10	24 14	96 94
High Bridge.....	195 43 14 29			23 56		32 29	49 40	314 57
Fourth, German.....	58 26				10 80	8 25	16 25	93 56
Prospect Hill.....								
Avenue B.....	40			13		5		57
Brighton Heights.....	15	25		15 87		17 73	37 62	111 22
Norfolk Street.....	4			4				8
Krescherville.....								
Grace.....	12 78 30						20	62 78
Hamilton Grange.....	18			4 40		17 19	80 35	119 94
Church of the Comforter.....	6			3		5 78	8 74	20 52
Classes of Orange.								
Barn.....	8			3		11 20	3	26 20
Bloomington.....	7			9			28 45	39 45
Calhoun.....	8							8
Clarville.....	1							1
Coddackville.....	1					1 25	10	12 25
Deer Park.....	182 67 50 80			57 60		10	20	300 96
Ellenville.....	43 88 8 07			13		15	29 95	100 70
Fallsburgh.....	27			10		2	9 02	48 02
Grahamville.....	7 94						12 75	20 69
Kerkonkson.....						1 60		1 50
Mamakating.....								
Minnetonka.....	12							12
Montgomery.....	196 16		13	10 40			26	155 56
Newburgh.....	21 21 59			16 14		10	21	127 85
New Harley.....	5 19							5 19
New Prospect.....	44 35			4 21		18 78	73	135 24
Second, Fort Jervis.....	2 25			4 13				6 38
Shawangunk.....	11 63			8 90	2 06	1	13 09	82 30
Unkerville.....	3 02							3 02
Walden.....	119 78			5 30		30	39 50	194 64
Walkill.....	18 60			6 25		5	84	63 85
Walpack, Upper.....								
Walpack, Lower.....	9 87						10	19 87
Wewersing.....							6	5

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Indiv's.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Paramus.								
First, Passaic	123 48	124 27		34 16		10	200	480 61
Centerville	9	8				10 15		27 15
Clarkstown	17 40		5		8 27		7	57 07
Clifton	8 30					10	10	28 30
Gardfield								
Glen Rock		6 42					6	12 42
Hawthorne								
First, Lodi	10			5				15 00
Second, "	11	4				7 60		22 00
Nyack	480 07	50 30		158		17 60	163	880 77
Paramus	55 02	12	50		13 27		50 19	179 08
Passaic	18 25						48 72	66 97
Passaic, Holland	45 40					7 75		53 15
" North	184 08	34				35 48	96 16	301 02
Paterson, Broadway	63 12	5 90		8 11	4 83	5	72 70	176 17
" First, Holland	20			3				23 00
" North								
" Second	47 75	16 69		14 73	14 13		41	134 26
Piermont	36 73	29 68		5 40		17	42	123 01
Ramapo	6	13 62				2	5	25 00
Ridgewood	16 73	10			15 07	15	63 15	117 05
Saddle River	7 27	5 18				2		14 47
Spring Valley	7 50						54 90	62 40
Tappan	6 89						25 23	32 12
Warwick	291 80			53 25		25	94 13	464 27
West New Hempstead	26 62	10 27						36 89
Wortendyke, Holland								
Classis of Passaic								
Boonton	31 79			10 75	10 19	6 71	48	107 34
Fairfield	21 59						19 62	41 21
First Little Falls		9 54			30 15	10 64	50	90 23
Second	8 50							8 50
Montville	21	5				5		31
Sixth, Paterson, Holland	20	34 77		10				64 77
People's Park	17							17
Pompton	97			20		18 86	60 51	205 37
" Plains	115 17	27 10				18 60	50 22	314 70
Ponds								
Preakness	18 64					1 80	37 30	67 08
Paterson, Riverside	12 06	25				5	15	57 06
" First	83 46	8 61					10	108 07
" Union	42			5				47
Wyckoff	22	9 80		6 75		1	10	50 55
Classis of Philadelphia.								
North and Southampton	85 96	20 67		11			11 80	128 43
Harlingen	15 30			6 20			63 65	85 15
Neshanic	61 07			7 35	2	10	61 62	136 34
First, Philadelphia	75 08	36 47		24 80	8	10	67 56	205 30
Second, "	19 77		5	6 09				30 71
Fourth, "							8	8
Blawenburg	13 36	27 63				5 68	36 10	68 66
Stanton	15 47	5						20 47
Clover Hill	7 60							7 60
Rocky Hill		10			5	16 50	25 20	56 70
Fifth, Philadelphia	25			20				45
Addieville				6 35			7 86	14 20
Three Bridges	13 39			4 77		1 25	6	20 41
Talmage Memorial	17 40	30					14 47	61 87
South, Philadelphia								

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Pleasant Prairie.								
ader.....								4 92
ton.....	4 92				20			104 92
rille.....	84			15			11	88 48
.....	57 48							1 73
.....	1 73							
o Center.....								
rell Center.....	10 75			10			1 50	22 25
ser (Oregon).....	71 50							71 50
White Rock).....	15 74			6 35			2 70	24 79
ton.....	25						15	40
George).....	4 58							4 58
nel (Belmond).....	25				2 09		51 42	78 51
e, Iowa.....	104 16			12			25	141 16
S. Dak.....	11 49						7 75	19 24
Sibley.....	17 50			5 75			4 60	27 85
sburg.....	61 63			11 04			10	82 67
.....	8 70	10 18		6 20			10	35 08
y.....	10 68		2	10				22 68
.....	15			9			5 40	29 40
Creek.....	162 41						10	172 41
ngton.....	11 50					38	2 75	52 25
.....	23 90						0 35	30 25
Mission.....	9 97							9 97
urg.....	6 28							6 28
Mission.....	4 25							4 25
Classis of Poughkeepsie.								
Poughkeepsie.....	63 70			30 22			225 77	319 69
L.....	159 04			42 02		20	75	296 06
ll.....	91 48			21 26	7 46		48 58	163 73
ell.....	27 03						56 32	83 35
lackensack.....	27 08			9	5	5	81 79	127 87
ock.....	86 36	30				10 16	37 50	164 02
ll-on-Hudson.....	31 44			11 87			45	88 31
Park-on-Hudson.....	114	14 84				23 65		151 99
um.....	4 37	1						5 37
pring.....	2 75							2 75
ook.....		5	5	7 59		10	65	92 59
Classis of Raritan.								
Raritan.....	177 80			18 89	41 43		66	304 12
ngton.....	48 16	17 07		9 48		3 35	26	104 66
nster.....	125 86	63 25		10 25	11 26	15	12 35	237 97
m.....	31	4 85						35 85
way.....							81 01	81 01
Branch.....	55 94	3 42		5 99	16 04		86	167 39
l, Raritan.....	112 07	83 83		23 62			86 87	306 39
k.....	11	9		1				21
Branch.....	64	10		5 60	7 36		61	147 96
Raritan.....	95 38	89 14		13 25		2 73	94 09	294 59
ville.....	38 28							38 28
bridge.....	10			10		10		30
dale.....	32 44	4 39		5		13 59	24 69	80 11
l, Raritan.....	12			5				17
Classis of Rensselaer.								
n-Hudson.....					8 22	6	30 10	44 32
ng Grove.....	5 49	5 77		2 97			17 15	31 38
on.....				6				6
m.....	42 13			20		2	9 70	73 83

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions. Ch. Building Fund.						For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Rensselaer. (CONTINUED)								
First, Ghent.....	9 41	18		3 31			18 55	40 27
Second, ".....		10					4 64	24 64
Greenbush.....	22 50	11 52		6 14		18	84	59 18
Kinderhook.....	181 26		25	50 29	30 97	10	41 91	359 63
Nassau.....	8 24	7 25		3 70			12	31 79
New Concord.....						1		8
Schodack.....	14 80						10	24 80
Landing.....	80						7	27
Stayessant.....	15	6 46		3 96		20	31 23	79 65
Falls.....	8 34							8 34
Classis of Rochester.								
Abbe.....	10 14						10	20 14
Arcadia.....	18 07						9 60	27 67
Brighton.....	52	24 24		10	15 15	5	23	114 28
1st Cleveland.....	10	26 50		10 26			31	77 76
Clymer Hill.....	5 37	15 09						33 46
East Williamson.....	17 77			6 77				24 54
Farmer.....	10 59				9 46		79 80	99 85
Lodi.....	23	8 66		5			23	64 66
Marion.....	9 71							9 71
New York Mills.....								
Ontario.....	6 25							6 25
Palmyra.....								
Pultneyville.....	84 73	7 67		7 60			11 80	103 80
First, Rochester.....	23 97							23 97
Second, ".....	5 02	60 70				1 69	53 25	111 36
Tyre.....	27 65							27 65
Classis of Saratoga.								
Boght.....	10 75			2 25			6 13	19 13
Buckles.....	73 24			8 45			10	81 69
Coboes.....	61 03	31 08		61 03			50	203 14
Easton.....	5 11							5 11
Fort Miller.....	8			5				13
Ganeseport.....							5	5
Greenwich.....	58 12					10	37 74	105 86
Northumberland.....	10			3			24 83	37 83
Saratoga.....	65 75			19 94		4	43 70	188 39
Schaghticoke.....								
West Troy, North.....	80 85			8 62			23 59	108 96
" South.....	35			5				40
Wydantskill.....							8	8
Classis of Schenectady								
Altamont.....	5 40						8	13 40
Amity.....							15 50	15 50
Bellerue.....	25							25
Glenville, First.....	14 66						20 90	35 56
" Second.....							26 10	26 10
Holderberg.....					5 17	62	5	10 79
Lisha's Kill.....	8 27			4 67			19 23	34 19
Mount Pleasant.....	9							9
Niskayuna.....	40	30		15 75	14 25	10	45 50	145 50
Princtown.....	10						18 10	28 10
Rotterdam, First.....	22 52							22 52
" Second.....	15 62					8		18 62
Schenectady, First.....	104 06			21 23			180 73	346 02
" Second.....	58 60	0		10	6	5 32	24 20	188 18

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. B. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv's.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Schoharie.								
Beaverdam.....	8			1 10				9 10
Berne.....	23 74			20 04		12 40	45	101 18
Breakabeen.....	2 18						5 00	18 78
Central Bridge.....	2 23						11 50	19 73
Cobleskill.....		1 05						1 05
Embree.....								
Gallupville.....								
Gluba.....	3		10				5 06	17 05
Howe's Cave.....	10 25						4	14 25
Lawersville.....							15	15
Middleburgh.....	19 99						4	22 99
Moreville.....	17 40							17 40
North Blenheim.....	4 50			60			3 80	14 30
Prattsville.....	9 50			5 87				15 37
Schoharie.....	10 30	30		4 19			11 71	56 20
Sharon.....	8 75							8 75
South Gluba.....							5	5
Classis of Ulster.								
Blue Mountain.....							3 75	3 75
Church of the Comforter.....	34 00	17 45					13	65 24
Esopus.....	5						19 18	24 18
Flatbush.....	5 25	11				6	35 33	50 68
Roxbury.....	55 46			30			571 23	626 69
Schoharie.....	20						17	37
1st Kingston.....	87 04	48 91					154 55	290 50
Port Jervis.....	34 06	5		4 40			22 88	66 34
Plattekill.....						9 35	2 50	11 85
Saugerties.....	24			4 14			22	50 14
Shandaken.....							7	7
Shokan.....							6 78	6 78
Stewartville.....								
West Hurley.....							7	7
Woodstock.....	8 64							8 64
Classis of Westchester.								
Belmont.....								
Bramsville.....	24 30	19 50		11 55	17 37	10	33 31	116 19
Cortlandtown.....	9 66	60				3		6 26
Fordham.....	10 93			10 03		7 06	134	164 02
Greenburgh.....	11 38							11 38
Greenville.....	9 05			2 13	6 23			17 41
Hastings.....	15							15
Melrose.....	15							15
Mount Vernon.....	76 28	20					47	143 28
Park Hill.....	17 90					2	45 10	65
Peekskill.....	14	20 50			9	1	10	34 50
Tarrytown, First.....	100				15		152 35	267 05
Second.....	51 81		5			3	26	85 81
Unionville.....	15			2 30			4	21 20
West Farms.....		6 01						6 01
Yonkers.....	17 19					5	35	57 18
Classis of Wisconsin.								
Alto.....	59 53						60	119 53
Bethany.....		18 57					44 10	63 47
Edgar Grove.....	103 04		13				54	175 04
First, Chicago.....						5	5	10
Hamforth.....				14 19			20	34 19
De Motte.....								

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools	Indiv. la.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.	
Classes of Wisconsin. (CONTINUED)							
Morrison.....	5 29						
Englewood.....							
Franklin.....							
Fulton.....	54 51	22 46			17 74	6 80	9
Gano.....		40 28					12 15
Gibbsville.....						2 50	26 28
Greenbush.....							
Greenleafston.....	27 80	10		12			
Hingham.....	10						8
Sheboygan.....	6 90						10
Kenoeha.....							
Koster.....							
Lafayette.....	80 15						
Lansing.....	33 52	14 70					
Milwaukee.....	49					1 75	75
Oostburg.....	8 52						40 48
First, Roseland.....	55 77						
Randolph Center.....	15 50						
Sheboygan Falls.....							17
South Holland.....	75						81
Waupun.....	12 02	13 88		5 60			16 25

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REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

The review of another year's work herewith presented to the General Synod, calls for grateful acknowledgment to the great Head of the Church "Whose we are and whom we serve." On the the part of your Board, it has been "a work of faith" and "labor of love," and has been carried on in the patience of hope.

Business depression has been felt in all quarters, and while the outlook is more hopeful than a year ago, yet the war-cloud is darkening the sky, and long predictions are likely to be unsafe. Yet there are many things in the work of the past year which lead us "to thank God and take courage."

Our business enterprises are limited to the lines of our own denomination. Church Boards of every charac-

ter must find their constituency in the Church whose agents they are. What we have accomplished during the year, is due to the Church that has used us to supply the need for which we were organized. If a Church wants her Boards to be successful, it is in her power to make them so. In this respect, the Board of Publication, like all the other Boards of the Reformed Church, is dependent upon the patronage of the Reformed Church. Business as well as benevolence must come to this Board from the Church.

It is often urged that the Board of Publication as a business enterprise, should support itself, but unless the Church supplies the patronage, our field of business is limited. The Board of Publication asks for no wider field of patronage than that which may be found in the Reformed Church in America. When this is secured, the business of the Board will be a source of revenue to the Church instead of a subject of concern.

In the matter of Sunday-school supplies alone, in which, under Synod's direction and our own conviction, we have entered by the publication of a series of Reformed Lesson Helps, which rank with the best in the market. We need only the patronage of our 915 Sabbath-schools to make this venture the most successful business enterprise in the history of our Board of Publication.

We are thankful to the large number of schools that responded to our call upon their loyalty, and thereby materially strengthened the business of your Board during the past year. We are also hopeful that the remaining schools whose names do not appear upon the list of our patrons, will consider that our interest is theirs also, as different agencies of the same Church.

There is no reason, either business or otherwise, why all the Sunday-school supplies used in the Reformed Churches should not be furnished through the agency of our Board. We look for the speedy fulfillment of this hope, and call upon the Synod to help to bring it to pass by urging upon all our Sabbath-schools the importance of this matter. As a Board, we are prepared to furnish any series of lesson helps at lowest current prices, but bespeak for our own publications a fair trial in order to demon-

strate their value in developing and strengthening a healthy denominational spirit, as well as furnishing a helpful and stimulating study of the word of God.

The business of the Board through a long period of years has been almost uniform, as the following statistical table will show.

A glance at our Treasurer's account will show that the past year has been above the average, nearly one thousand dollars. The sales of the past year have been larger than in any previous year since 1893, and rank fourth in the list covering a period of sixteen years. But it is also worthy of note, that double the amount of business could be done with but little increase if any, in our expense account. We are confident also that this amount of business is within the limits of our field, and we ask the co-operation of the Synod and of the Church in our endeavors to secure it during the coming years. The Board purposes to carry on a campaign within the local churches, until every one is numbered among our patrons. When this is accomplished, the business branch of our Board will be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The addition of Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D. D., as Financial Agent to our business force during the past year, has increased our efficiency without additional expense. The Board has long considered the question of business management, but has hesitated to inaugurate an entirely new policy during a period of business depression, but hopes to carry into effect the resolution of last year's Synod as soon as practicable.

Unless Synod directs otherwise, the Board will continue the arrangement of the past year, by appointing Rev. H. V. S. Myers, D. D., Financial Agent, at a salary of \$1,000, and Mr. Richard Brinkerhoff as Business Agent, at a salary of \$1,000.

A fact to be considered in connection with the report of our Board is the important share which we take in the support of the Reformed Church Building, under the care of the Board of Direction. Our rent amounting to \$1,600 yearly, is much higher than in the former rooms of our Board, but we have considered that a denominational

centre is worthy of our support, even at added cost to ourselves.

Our rooms are a rendezvous for our clergy and laity and thereby minister to the social life of the denomination.

The contributions from 210 Churches to the benevolent work of our Board amounting to \$1,595.51, while better than last year, is below the average for a period of sixteen years. While it is true that the donations from this fund amount to \$1,139.60 only, yet the need of working capital for the publication of denominational literature has long been felt by the Board. An intelligent denominationalism must be fostered and furthered by a denominational press.

Much might be done in this matter had our Board a working capital furnished in part by generous gifts of the Churches.

The Board has carried out the suggestions of a previous Synod, in the publication of a Handy Manual of Church forms and constitution, which we trust will prove of service to both Ministers and Church members.

The Church Hymnals authorized by the General Synod, both new and old, can be supplied by our Board, and we urge upon all our Churches our claim upon them in this matter.

The terms of office of the following named members of the Board, expires with this meeting of the General Synod.

Rev. Isaac W. Gowen,	Mr. Geo. Lott (Deceased),
“ Chas. I. Shepard, D. D.,	“ Geo. W. Pool,
“ J. H. Bertholf,	“ Geo. Carragan,
“ Geo. D. Hulst, Ph. D.	Vacant.

The death of Elder Geo. Lott, who has been connected with our Board since 1893, removes from our number a most faithful member.

His modest demeanor added a charm to his sterling Christian character, and gave weight to his counsels on the deliberation of the Board.

Appended herewith are the the reports of our Treasurer and Business Agent to which we refer the Synod for the details of both business and benevolence. The Board however, feels constrained to make a word of explanation in connection with some of the items. The reduction in the amount of stock, \$1,911.46 less than reported last year, is the result of a new inventory. The reduction in Book account of \$1,139.44 is due to a new method of book-keeping, in which quarterly rather than yearly accounts are charged against Sunday-school supplies.

Report of	Sales.	Rent.	Salaries.	Collections.	Incidentals.	Book Ac.'s	Cash Balance	Donations.
May 1, 1882	16,299 24	700 00	1,912 62	1,791 59	285 26	2,664 95	\$ 123 61	\$ 90 36
" 1883.....	14,721 65	800 00	2,300 00	1,656 93	313 63	4,217 09	1,230 98	564 61
" 1884.....	15,604 72	800 00	2,611 92	1,963 33	234 25	.....	2,609 44	546 44
" 1885	15,265 78	800 00	2,611 92	1,717 66	292 34	3 943 80	1,799 64	730 34
" 1886.....	14,369 01	960 00	2,606 92	1,687 31	280 16	4,626 95	2,757 48	1,549 08
" 1887.....	16,376 69	960 00	2,689 56	1,527 91	273 77	4,551 00	4,271 14	612 44
" 1888.....	16,645 39	1,405 00	2,867 96	1,762 14	415 20	4,730 22	4 272 47	745 85
" 1889.....	21,005 03	1,405 00	2,874 84	1,827 17	340 44	4,922 07	4,843 47	860 25
" 1890.....	16,464 84	1,405 00	3,311 37	1,725 38	327 33	4,787 12	3,416 79	1,524 34
" 1891.....	17,380 00	1,405 00	3,363 88	1,748 36	239 78	5,393 62	3,385 42	303 16
" 1892.....	16,595 00	1,405 00	3,393 88	1,724 77	260 08	5,312 23	4,274 13	506 35
" 1893.....	18,193 92	1,600 00	3,288 90	2,028 66	388 91	4,981 12	3,715 09	252 17
" 1894.....	14,356 79	1,600 00	3,090 00	1,766 25	269 87	4,575 21	2,184 84	1,483 99
" 1895.....	12,973 77	1,600 00	3,060 00	1,738 63	222 07	4,226 74	1,146 92	769 90
" 1896.....	14,212 44	1,600 00	3,078 40	1,594 02	272 24	3,681 99	772 32	1,033 79
" 1897.....	14,733 41	1,600 00	3,016 91	1,388 25	355 75	5,229 05	323 63	311 46
" 1898.....	16,939 00	1,600 00	2,840 94	1,595 51	634 89	4,089 61	2,911 21	\$1,139 60

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS.

From Churches, Sunday Schools and Individuals..... \$1,595 51

DONATIONS.

Direction, "Dr. Stryker's Discourse".....	50 00
Church, Pekin, Ill., "German Hymns".... . . .	22 50
Inquiry, New Brunswick, N. J., "Hymns of the h".....	50 00
Church, Britton, Mich.....	4 00
ormed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., "Christian Praise".	25 00
Amsterdam for Rev. Dr. Corwin, "Reformed Church ature".....	40 35
unts	92 20
ege Mission Band, "Missionary Volumes"... ..	32 50
ern Classical Academy, Missions, Theological and cal Books.....	600 00
bers, etc.....	2 65
Church Sunday Schools.....	220 40
	\$1,139 60

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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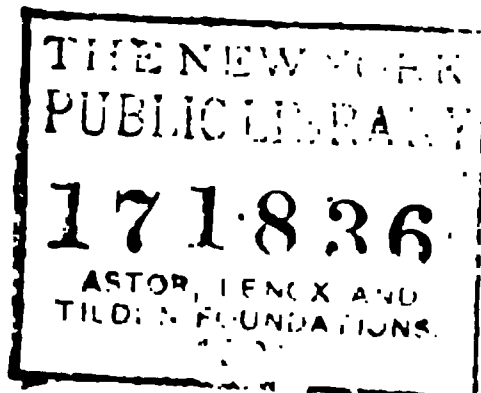
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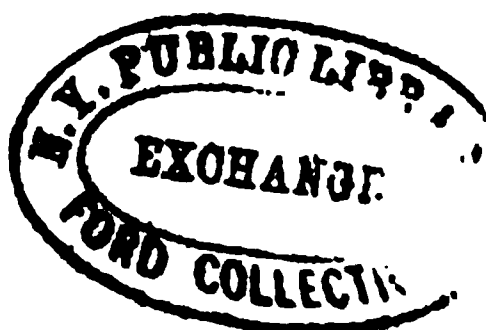
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*Recommended to be read by the pastors from the pulpit.

MATTERS TO WHICH THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF THE CHURCHES IS CALLED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD.

NEW BRUNSWICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Resolved, That the effort now being made to increase the Seminary endowment should engage the prayerful attention and active co-operation of every pastor, consistory and church of the denomination. (Page 391.)

That Synod again urge upon all the churches the making of an annual offering for the current expenses of the Seminary.

That all pastors and consistories be urged by General Synod to facilitate in every way possible the work of Synod's Special Committee.

That Synod urge upon the Classes the active exercise of Classical influence among their churches, in behalf of the foregoing requests of the General Synod.

That the representatives of the Classes in the Board of Superintendents be appointed by this Synod, Seminary Agents, each for his own Classis to co-operate with the Agent of Synod's Committee and to aid to the utmost of his power in disseminating information concerning the needs of the Seminary, and in securing from churches and individuals in such Classis, gifts for the current expenses and endowment of the Seminary. (Page 407.)

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Resolved, That the General Synod appoint Rev. J. F. Zwemer its agent to secure an additional endowment of at least \$50,000 for the Western Seminary.

That the endowment of each chair shall be \$30,000 and the remainder shall be for incidental expenses.

That Rev. J. F. Zwemer be directed to secure two-thirds of this amount from the churches in the West, before making an appeal to the Eastern part of the Church. (Page 393.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the Board of Education, and its important work, be renewedly recommended to the prayerful sympathy and regular benefactions of all our churches.

That the sum of \$12,000, about ten cents per member, be apportioned among the Classes for the General Fund of the Board of Education.

That all Classes, who as yet have not appointed agents, or who failed to report their nominations to General Synod, be hereby directed to make such appointments. (Page 421.)

That the "Day of Prayer for Colleges" be observed in all our churches with appropriate services as far as may be, that its blessed influence may again enrich our homes and our schools, Christ's Church and God's world. (Page 422.)

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Speaking only of the Classes which sent in reports, there were fifty-two schools which failed to make any response to the inquiries of your committee. It is hoped that this number will be much reduced next year, and that no school will continue to hamper the work of the Classical and Synodical Sunday-school Committees by failing to make full, prompt and accurate statistics to the authorized inquiries of General Synod.

As a result of a careful study of statistics received this year, your Committee would venture to make one suggestion that the Superintendents of all schools be urged to bring the enrolled membership and the average attendance closer together. As only 65 per cent. of the enrolled membership

are reported as regularly attending, it would seem that the rolls should be kept clear of dead wood, and an earnest effort should be made to secure a larger regular attendance of those who are bona-fide members of the school (Page 435.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved, That a special effort be made, beginning with this Synod, to immediately meet the present debt of the Board.

That the sum of \$120,000, aside from legacies and interest on invested funds, be approved by the Synod as the least amount that will suffice to meet the requirements of our Missions.

That the Board be authorized to apportion the amount required for the conduct of its work among the various Classes, and that we urge each church to regard such sum as the minimum amount that is necessary to maintain the cause she is called to uphold and extend. We recommend that Consistories, at the earliest possible date, begin to meet such apportionment.

We recommend that the churches during this year and 1900 make a monthly offering for Foreign Missions; and that a special effort be made to secure the increased interest of Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies, and that monthly meetings of prayer for missions be held in every church.

That the first Lord's Day of November next be set aside by all the churches for prayer for Foreign Missions. That on this day Pastors present to their people the cause, and that each church then make a special offering for the work.

That the *Mission Field*, *Gleaner*, and *Day Star* are commended to the Church.

That the Synod commend the Students' Summer Campaign, and recommend the churches to encourage the young men in their endeavor to awaken new interest in Foreign Missions, especially among young people. (Pages 442 and 443.)

We deem it a privilege to commend in the highest terms the admirable statement of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions. (Page 441.)

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the sum, equal to that applied to Foreign Missions, namely, \$120,000, including whatever may be received for the Church Building Fund be declared as the least sum that can adequately meet the needs of the Board of Domestic Missions during the present fiscal year; that the Board be authorized to apportion this sum among the various Classes, and that Pastors, officers and members of our churches be urged to do their utmost to raise this amount.

That the fourth Sabbath of February be set apart by all our churches for prayer for our country and for Domestic Missions, and that so far as may be, sermons be preached on the subject, and special offerings be made for the Board of Domestic Missions.

That we congratulate the Board upon the efficient aid it has received through the faithful labor of its Field Secretary, Rev. William Walton Clark, and that we again most heartily commend Mr. Clark to the churches.

That this Synod again emphatically commends the Christian Endeavor or Missionary League to all our churches, and urge upon all our Young People's Missionary Organizations, not now otherwise closely connected with our denominational work, that they affiliate themselves with the League and heartily support its methods and objects. (Page 449.)

That we congratulate the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions upon their faithful and noble work of the past year; that we recognize with profound gratitude their blessed and inspiring influence upon the benevolences of our churches, and that we solicit for the work of their

committee the hearty co-operation of all the women of our Church. (Page 451).

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Resolved, That we do most earnestly request all our pastors, all Superintendents of Sunday-schools, and all Christian Endeavor Societies to order their respective supplies from our Board of Publication and from that Board only, and that, as a matter of duty and privilege, we rally around the Board, realizing that "Eerdracht maakt macht"—"In unity is strength," and make this Board one of the strongest and most efficient agencies for the good of our Church and for the glory of God.

That, in consideration of the benevolent work carried on by the Board of Publication, an annual offering shall be made for this Board by every church in our communion. (Page 456.)

WIDOWS' FUND.

Resolved, That the various Classes call the attention of the Consistories under their care to the imperative needs of this Fund, and urge upon them the privilege of assuming wholly or in part such annual payments towards this Fund as shall give their pastors the full benefit of it.

That the Classical Agents press the importance of this Fund more and more upon the churches, and urge in addition to what they may do for their pastors an annual offering. (Page 459.)

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

We would urge the Classes that have not as yet made nominations for Classical Agents for this Fund to make them as soon as possible.

We would continue to call the attention of all our churches to this work. (Page 464.)

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the General Synod again commends the American Tract Society to the generous support of our pastors and people, and urge that offerings be made in our churches for the important work of this Divinely blessed and time-honored Society. (Page 474.)

TEMPERANCE SABBATH.

The fourth Sabbath of November set apart as Temperance Sabbath each year in accord with the London Sabbath-school Union, which is endeavoring to secure the observance of this day for this purpose throughout the world. (Page 474.)

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Resolved. That the General Synod reaffirms its belief in the continued and binding authority of the Fourth Commandment upon all men.

That it urges upon ministers, officers and members of our churches; members of Young People's Societies and Sabbath-schools the necessity of personal obedience and example in Sabbath observance, by refraining from the purchase and reading of the Sunday newspapers; unnecessary traveling or visiting, and from all things that are detrimental to spiritual life and Christian morals, or that destroy the sacred character of the day, and that shall detract from the privilege of Divine worship.

That we most earnestly deprecate Sunday excursions either by steamboat, steam or electric cars or by other means, and we call upon all officers of said corporations to use their best efforts to prevent said Sunday excursions, and at all times to forbid the alternative for the employee of work or dismissal. (Page 475.)

That each pastor of our Church shall on some Sabbath in the month of

ABSENT CHURCH MEMBERS.

Resolved, That the several Consistories be directed to keep a list including those members whose place of residence cannot be ascertained or who have been absent without reporting themselves within the three years or more, and that these shall not be included in publications nor in the yearly statistical report to the General Synod, but suitable memoranda shall be made in the register of communicants opposite their names indicating their absence, withdrawal or otherwise uncertain relation to the Church. (Page 507.)

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion recommended by the pastors from the pulpit will be found on page 508.

TO INCREASE THE INTEREST AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PARTIAL SYNODS.

Resolved, That to increase the interest and effectiveness of the partial Synods, and to give them more fully the place they were designed to occupy in our denominational system, the "superintendence" (assigned them in the Constitution) "over the spiritual interests and concerns of several Classes within their bounds," is of the utmost importance, and should be carried out, not as a matter of routine or formal report, but in the spirit of mutual helpfulness and desire for the spiritual growth and prosperity of each and all; and their attention is hereby earnestly called to this end and the devising of means to this end. (Page 501.)

BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

Resolved, That General Synod has heard with great satisfaction the address of the Rev. C. E. Wyckoff in the interests of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and commend the organization to the young men of the Church. (Page 578.)

EASY DIVORCE.

Resolved, That in view of the deplorable evils growing out of the existing methods for procuring easy divorce, prevalent in many states, and frequently resulting in the remarriage of guilty parties in divorce proceedings, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America takes this

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, CATSKILL, N. Y., ON WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE, AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M., AND ADJOURNED ON WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, AT FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

FORMATION OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was called to order by the President, the Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., LL.D., who opened the meeting with prayer, and presided until the new officers were elected. In the evening Dr. Coe preached the Synodical Sermon from Luke 6: 44. For every tree is known by his own fruit.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON—*Ministers*, Charles E. Corwin, William E. Compton, Charles Park. *Elders*, Ezra Link, Andrew Hallenbeck, A. P. Pitcher.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON—*Ministers*, George Davis, William Coombe, E. C. Oggel, D.D. *Elder*, Elting T. Deyo.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*, Alexander Shaw, C. D. F. Steinführer, D.D., Charles K. Clearwater, John Hoffman. *Elders*, Herman H. Shook, Henry C. Korfman, George M. Williamson, Nichols. Van der Berg.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*, Charles Judson Scudder, Evart Van Slyke, D.D., James M. Dickson, D.D., A. Messler Quick. *Elders*, Charles L. Ricker-son, John Bingham, William R. Bennett.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*, Joseph R. Duryee, D.D., James Palmer, Henry M. Cox, Edgar Tilton, Jr. *Elders*, John S. Bussing, D. D. Beekman, W. F. Layton, Ralph N. Perlee.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE—*Ministers*, J. Frederick Berg, Ph. D., T. H. Mackenzie, C. Van Oostenbrügge, Herman C. Berg, D.D. *Elders*, U. E. Terwilliger, J. G. Gray.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE—*Ministers*, Ernest Clapp, William V. D. Strong, William Bancroft Hill. *Elders*, Augustus M. Travers, William M. Quintard, E. C. Macomber.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER—*Ministers*, William P. Bruce, Henry De Vries, Joseph A. Harper. *Elders*, M. H. Bright, H. S. Seeley.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY—*Ministers*, H. Lockwood, J. O. Van Fleet, T. A. Beekman. *Elders*, Howard Becker, A. S. Van Der Zee.

CLASSIS OF GREENE—*Ministers*, C. M. Perlee, W. N. P. Dailey, F. S. Barnum. *Elders*, Thomas Bell, S. D. Plank.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY—*Ministers*, C. L. Palmer, R. A. Pearse, J. A. De Baun, D.D., E. A. McCullum. William Schmitz, R. A. Lansing. *Elders*, Philip De Forest, J. Hees, C. C. Edwards, E. S. Johnson, Harvey Shelp.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER—*Ministers*, E. J. McCully, Josiah E. Crane, A. W. Hopper. *Elders*, A. L. Schermerhorn, John P. Van Buren, William J. Masten.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*, C. F. Porter, Martin Ossewaarde, G. Dangremond. *Elder*, Abram Ameele.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA—*Ministers*, C. B. F. Pease, J. C. Forbes, Oliver H. Walser. *Elder*, H. M. Sweet.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY—*Ministers*, A. C. Sewall, D.D., O. T. Fletcher, John C. Knox. *Elders*, Theodore E. Button, Charles H. Crockett.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE—*Ministers*, H. B. Roberts, D. K. Van Doren. *Elders*, Thomas J. Wood, W. E. Bassler.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER—*Ministers*, R. DeWitt, N. H. Demarest, J. E. Winne. *Elders*, H. W. Davis, O. P. More, William G. Van Etten.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

CLASSIS OF DAKOTA—*Minister*, C. F. DeWitz.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*, E. W. Staple-kamp, P. Siegers, J. Kremer, A. Buursma, James F. Zwemer. *Elders*, J. Simon, B. Dosker.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND—*Ministers*, Jacob Van der Meulen, D.D.; G. H. Hospers, H. K. Boer. *Elders*, G. Rooks, T. G. Huizinga.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS—*Ministers*, E. A. Drake, P. F. Schuelke, F. Klooster. *Elders*, T. Zandstra, George Watson.

CLASSIS OF IOWA—*Ministers*, H. Straks, S. J. Menning, W. Wolvius. *Elder*, H. Beyers.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN—*Ministers*, George Z. Collier, H. G. Birchby, N. F. Nickerson. *Elder*, H. Meyers.

CLASSIS OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE—*Ministers*, D. Schaefer, G. Veenker, F. Schaefer.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN—*Ministers*, P. Swart, H. Hospers, Jr., F. J. Zwemer, P. G. A. Bouma. *Elders*, J. H. Nichols, H. Ten Haken, T. Tillema.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN—*Ministers*, Conrad Bluhm, John Justin, Charles S. Wright. *Elders*, J. H. Fink, Peter Bogert.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN—*Ministers*, T. J. Komers, H. C. Cussler, C. J. Allen. *Elders*, Henry Louderbough, M. Schultz.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH—*Ministers*, E. W. Green, Ph. D., I. P. Brokaw, D.D., S. R. Cunningham. *Elders*, B. Decker, Jr., P. F. Conover.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK—*Ministers*, C. E. Wyckoff, G. S. Bishop, D.D., C. Schenck, Ph. D. *Elders*, Jabob Simonson, M.D., Irving B. Harrison.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*, P. T. Pockman, D.D., Theodore Shafer, A. D. Campbell. *Elders*, Howard M. Van Cleef, H. W. Hoagland, J. J. Janeway.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS—*Ministers*, Taber Knox, N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D., Ame Vennema, M. N. Oliver. *Elders*, P. T. Ackerman, J. T. Haring, F. V. Sanford, P. J. Kipp.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC—*Ministers*, A. Westveer, T. P. Vernoll, J. Smit. *Elders*, J. G. Hopper, G. Schut.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*, H. P. Craig, F. M. Kip, John Hart. *Elders*, H. B. Barcalow, A. J. Van Nuys, R. R. Stryker.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN—*Ministers*, W. S. Cranmer, B. V. D. Wyckoff, T. Walker Jones. *Elders*, A. P. Sutphen, Robert B. Nevius.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

ARRIVALS.

Second Day—Revs. F. Schaefer, Theo. Shafer, Ame Vennema, I. P. Brokaw, John Justin, Wm. Coombe, Charles J. Scudder, T. A. Beekman, J. A. De Baun, A. W. Hopper, A. C. Sewall, P. F. Schuelke, H. Straks, S. J. Menning,¹ D. Schaefer, G. Veenker. *Elders*, W. F. Layton, H. M. Sweet, Henry Louderbough, B. Decker, Jr., P. J. Kipp, I. G. Hopper.

Third Day—Rev. O. H. Walser.

Sixth Day—Rev. Wm. H. S. Demarest, succeeded Rev. F. S. Bauman. *Elders*, I. C. Haring, M. D. Henry Hoerch, succeeded Henry Louderbough.

DEPARTURES.

Fourth Day—Revs. Wm. Coombe, Charles J. Scudder, F. S. Barnum. *Elders*, M. H. Bright, John P. Van Buren, Henry Louderbough, I. G. Hopper.

Seventh Day—Revs. A. Messler Quick, H. B. Roberts, Ame Vennema, Charles S. Wright. *Elders*, E. C. Macomber, Philip De Forest, C. C. Edwards, H. Meyers, Jacob Simonson, M. D., Irving B. Harrison, J. T. Haring, P. J. Kipp, T. G. Huizinga.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. George S. Bishop, D.D., was elected President.

Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D., was elected Vice-President.

Revs. Charles E. Corwin and Gerrit H. Hospers were elected Clerks pro tem.

Rev. Taber Knox was appointed Press Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the last regular session were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten was read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

1. BOARD OF DIRECTION.—*Elders*, John S. Bussing, Jacob J. Janeway, J. Hess, D. Beekman. A. J. Van Nuys.
2. PROFESSORATE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES—*Ministers*, W. S. Cranmer, J. A. DeBaun, D. D., I. P. Brokaw, D. D., A. Buursma. *Elders*, H. H. Shook, Jacob Simonson, M. D., W. E. Bassler, George M. Williamson, John Bingham.
3. EDUCATION, ACADEMIES AND COLLEGES—*Ministers*, James F. Zwemer, Charles K. Clearwater, James M. Dickson, D. D. *Elders*, Ralph N. Perlee, P. T. Ackerman.
4. SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATHECHETICAL INSTRUCTION—*Ministers*, T. J. Kommers, W. H. Boocock, Benjamin E. Dickhaut.
5. FOREIGN MISSIONS—*Ministers*, Joseph R. Duryee, D. D., Albert C. Sewall, D. D., W. P. Bruce, E. W. Staplekamp. *Elders*, Philip DeForest, E. S. Johnson, T. G. Huizinga.

6. DOMESTIC MISSIONS—*Ministers*, Edgar Tilton, Jr., William Bancroft Hill, H. Straks. *Elders*, Thomas Bell, H. Beyers.

7. PUBLICATION—*Ministers*, E. C. Oggel, D. D., G. Z. Collier, Wm. V. D Strong. *Elders*, Augustus M. Travers, A. S. Van Der Zee.

8. THE WIDOWS' FUND—*Ministers*, Evart Van Slyke, D. D., John Hoffman, F. S. Barnum. *Elders*, William J. Meister, P. F. Conover.

9. THE DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND—*Ministers*, Jacob Van der Meulen, D. D., E. W. Greene, Ph. D., T. H. McKenzie. *Elders*, U. E. Terwilliger, W. S. Van Etten.

10. OVERTURES—*Ministers*, H. M. Cox, C. E. Schenck, Ph. D., G. Dangremond. *Elders*, M. H. Bright, H. W. Hoagland.

11. SYNODICAL MINUTES AND REFERENCES—*Ministers*, H. G. Birchby, C. Van Oostenbrugge, R. A. Pearse. *Elders*, Ezra Link, H. W. Davis.

12. JUDICIAL BUSINESS—*Ministers*, Herman C. Berg, D. D., H. P. Craig, F. M. Kip. *Elders*, A. P. Sutphen, Howard M. Van Cleef.

13. CORRESPONDENCE—*Ministers*, P. T. Pockman, D. D., T. P. Vernoll, Alan D. Campbell. *Elders*, J. P. Haring, E. S. Johnson.

14. BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES—*Ministers*, C. E. Wyckoff, C. D. F. Steinführer, W. B. B. Wyckoff. *Elders*, R. R. Stryker, G. Schut.

15. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—*Ministers*, C. M. Perlee, Henry Lockwood, Ernest Clapp. *Elders*, A. L. Schermerhorn, Irving B. Harrison.

16. STATE OF RELIGION—*Ministers*, George S. Bishop, D. D., N. H. Demarest, N. F. Nickerson, W. N. P. Dailey. *Elders*, John P. Van Buren, Henry C. Korfman.

17. **NECROLOGY**—*Ministers*, James S. N. Demarest, J. O. Van Fleet, A. Messler Quick. *Elders*, Elton P. Deyo, B. Dosker.

18. **ACCOUNTS**—*Ministers*, John Hart, Josiah A. Crane, James Palmer. *Elders*, H. Seelye, Andrew Hal-lenbeck.

19. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**—*Ministers*, Charles S. Wright, Alex Shaw, Conrad Bluhm. *Elders*, H. V. Barcalow, T. Tillema.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received :

The certificate of dismissal for Prof. John H. Gillespie, D.D., from the Classis of Michigan to the General Synod.

Notification from Rev. Edward B. Coe, D.D., L.L.D., President of the General Synod, to the Stated Clerk, of two vacant Professorships in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. Also the nominations by the Classes for these vacant Professorships, and action of some Classes on the same. Referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

Nominations for the Boards of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick and the Western Theological Seminary. Referred to the same committee.

Requests from Classes for dispensations for students. Referred to the same Committee.

Nominations for Classical Agents for the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards, for the Board of Education, and for the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds. Referred to the committees on these objects.

Report of the Executive Commission Western Section of the Reformed Churches throughout the world

holding the Presbyterian System. Referred to Committee on Correspondence.

Reports of Synod's Corresponding Delegates. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Communication from the Holland Christian Reformed Church with reference to correspondence with our Church. Referred to the same committee.

Reply from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Canada, to a letter sent by our Corresponding Delegate to that body. Read and referred to the same committee.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of a copy of the Minutes of our Synod by Rev. J. H. Weber D. D., of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Read.

Report of the Chairman of the Committee appointed to translate the Liturgy into the German language. Referred to Committee on Board of Publication.

Communication from Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., concerning his work among the freedman at Orangeburg, South Carolina. Referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Overture from the Particular Synod of New York, asking the General Synod to instruct the Board of Direction to hold and invest funds, whenever requested, which may be left for the endowment of weak churches. Referred to Committee on Overtures.

Action of the Particular Synod of Albany, concerning the appropriation of \$1,000 by the General Synod to the erection of a chapel for the church at Asbury Park. Referred to Committee on Overtures.

Overture from the Classis of Paramus for consolidating the Professorship of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis and the Professorship of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis. Referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

Overture from the Classis of New Brunswick, for the appointment of a committee, to report in June, 1900, some method by which the election of Theological Professors may be made by a comparatively few persons, the

most competent in the church to serve as such electors. Referred to the same committee.

Overture from the Classis of Montgomery for a new method of electing Theological Professors. Referred to the same committee.

Overture from the Classis of Newark concerning Revision of Church Rolls. Referred to Committee on State of Religion.

Overture from the Classis of Paramus in relation to blank Sunday School Reports. Referred to Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction.

Overture from the South Classis of Long Island to so enlarge the designation and duties of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction as to give it the care and oversight of all forms of young people's organizations. Referred to Committee on Overtures.

Overture from the Classis of Saratoga, asking the endorsement of the General Synod for "A Christian Catechism." Referred to Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction.

Reports of the Special Committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund. Referred to the Committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Request from Rev. H. N. Cobb, D.D., Corresponding Sec. of the Board of Foreign Missions, for a hearing by the Synod of a committee, appointed by the Board to represent it, in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, and in addition to the usual address by the Corresponding Secretary. Granted.

Request from Rev. A. De Witt Mason for a hearing before the Synod as a representative of the Mission Field and the Christian Endeavor League. Granted for Monday afternoon or some time on Tuesday.

Request of Rev. C. E. Wyckoff for a hearing before the Synod concerning the work of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. Granted.

Request from Rev. I. W. Hathaway, D.D., General

Sec. of the American Sabbath Union, for a hearing on Friday. Granted. Limit ten minutes.

Reply of the President of the United States to a communication concerning the resolution of General Synod. See Minutes of 1898, p. 257 and 258. This was read.

Communication concerning the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions to be held in New York City, April, 1900. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Memorial from the W. C. T. U. requesting the Synod to recommend the observance of the fourth Sunday in November as Temperance Sunday. Referred to Committee on Benevolent Societies.

Communication, calling the attention of the Synod to the Greater America Exposition, to be held at Omaha, from July 1st to Nov. 1st. Referred to Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.

Invitations to the General Synod for its place of meeting in June, 1900. Referred to Committee on Next Place of Meeting.

Communication from the counsel of the Civil Corporation of the Third Reformed Church, Philadelphia, concerning the Mosaic portrait of Rev. George W. Bethine, D. D. Referred to Committee on Judicial Business.

Communication from the Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions for permission to amend the Charter of the Board, so as to permit our missionaries to engage in evangelistic work, which may not immediately eventuate in the founding of new churches of our denomination. Referred to Committee on Domestic Missions.

Credentials of Rev. H. C. Swearingen, Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication from the President and Clerk of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, giving the date of their next meeting and asking for the name of the delegate appointed by us to attend. Referred to Committee on Correspondence.

An invitation from the Pastor and Elder of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J., to hold the inauguration ceremonies incident to the installation of the two Professors elect in that old historic church. Referred to the Committee on Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following report and the accompanying documents were received from the Board of Direction, and were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with the exception of the papers relating to the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund, which were referred to the committees on these funds ; and the papers relating to Missions and Education, which were referred to the committees on these subjects.

Report of the Board of Direction.

To the General Synod:

To the Treasurer's annual statement, it is expected that the Board shall add, for the consideration of Synod, "such remarks as they may think necessary." Our first remark relates to the Entertainment Fund. This fund was started in 1887, to meet a difficulty. As only a few of the larger churches could entertain Synod, the "distribution of the expense was very 'unequal'; that is, the few were bearing what belonged to the whole. Consequently, invitations had almost ceased to be forthcoming. To meet this difficulty, the plan of a general fund was adopted, at the rate of two cents a church member; and every Classis contributing was, if possible—through an arrangement made by the Clerk of Synod—to have its delegates entertained at the rate of a dollar a day, instead of paying their expenses itself; if any did not contribute they had no advantage from the fund. And under this plan, during the last ten years, Synod has met seven times at Asbury Park, as the choice of its members.

But the plan included, of course, as necessary, suitable accommodation and entertainment for Synod itself as well as suitable and sufficient hotel accommodation for its individual members. Else its meetings would lose in interest and influence, and be carried on under difficulty. At Asbury Park; as is well known, owing to lack of church facilities, the Synod has been hitherto almost entirely dependent upon the (freely offered) courtesy of outside parties, for a place of daily meeting. Under these circumstances, stated only in brief, the Board last year suggested to Synod that it might, if so minded, and without infringing either upon the purpose or condition of the fund, help itself by helping the Church in a certain amount to increase its facilities—especially as Asbury Park was, and was likely to continue, so favorite a place

of meeting. The suggestion met approval, was unanimously adopted, and the amount (\$1,000) has been paid during the year. It was possible, however, only from the fact that during several years the growth in church membership had little by little increased the fund beyond any need or supposable emergencies. Enough still remains to warrant some further reduction. And therefore, without disturbing the original basis of assessment (two cents a member), above which it cannot go, the Board considers that one cent and a half will be enough for the present year—a reduction of one quarter.

With this assessment, this fixed charge, for the maintenance of Synod, and mutually advantageous to it and the Classes; it may be well to couple, for remark, two other funds—the “Widows’ Fund” and the “Disabled Ministers’ Fund.” These are not an assessment, but dependent upon the Synod, the organized Church, (which the assessment sustains), and the spirit which the Synod diffuses, for their stability and usefulness. It may not be realized, that the “Widows’ Fund” is in the nature of an insurance policy, and carries a larger return for a small sum than any other; after the applicant’s death, reaching the widow and children—the latter to the age of sixteen. And as to the “Disabled Ministers’ Fund”—at present \$63,000; its income (except for a small existing and diminishing reserve) about \$6,000—less by hundreds than the annual demands of the Classes. Yet of these, by the Committee’s report of last year, 372 churches gave nothing towards it, to 262 that did give. Evidently the former had no information from the pulpit about it. It is for the Synod, in general council assembled, to consider plans proposed or available for its increase. The Board can only state the case. Evidently it demands the present and constant urgency of General Synod. As it is, drawing upon a limited disposeable sum, which may last two or three years, alone enables the Board to meet demands too pressing to be refused.

Shortly after the adjournment of Synod last June, the venerable Professor Demarest died; and, as would undoubtedly have been the wish of Synod, the salary

attached to his office was continued to his family until September. June 24, the Rev. Professor Riggs was installed Pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Orange, N. J., and his salary, which otherwise would have continued till September, ceased from that date. December 1, the Rev. Professor Lansing vacated his office without the required three months' notice; but in view of special circumstances presented to the Board, it was deemed proper to allow him the quarter's salary, as if such notice had been given. The rest of the income of the fund for that particular department (the Sage), has been devoted to the supply of a temporary instructor. Meantime, the General Seminary fund which sustains the three unendowed Professorships, has been saved from a material deficit, owing to the employment during the year, at a reduced expense, of the present members of the faculty and outside lecturers in Professor Demarest's department. But the effort now making to increase that and the other funds is of the first importance.

The following additions have been made during the year, viz.:

Second Theological Professorship in the Western Theological Seminary.

Legacy of Jan Spykerman.....	\$ 500 00
per Rev. James F. Zwemer.....	500 00
Ref. Church, Kinderhook, N. Y.....	25 00
Permanent Seminary Fund.	
Legacy of Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen.....	611 05
Education Fund.	
Legacy of Anthony Rue, to found the Anthony Rue Scholarship.....	2,740 00
Widows' Fund.	
Legacy of Sarah Bayly on acct....	375 00
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	\$4,751.05

Disabled Ministers' Fund.

Legacy of Jacob Goljenboom.....	\$ 25 00
Receipts from Churches, etc.....	3,283 93
“ “ Interest.....	2,908 07

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1898	Amount brought forward.....	\$15,161 36
June 18	To Cash paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., paid Janitor of Auditorium \$10, and Sexton of Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J. \$10.....	20
	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., expenses, car fares, stationery, postage, etc.....	10 39
	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., salary as Permanent Clerk.....	200
	Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D., salary as Stated Clerk, Board of Superintendents, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	25
	J. C. Voorhees, for opening 1st Reformed Church for Commencement exercises, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	2 50
	Milton C. Johnson & Co., receipt book for Treasurer.....	6
	Property 25 E. 22d St. Estate Geo. A. Haggerty, electric bell work	8 90
	Insurance on properties, 83-87 Decatur St., Brooklyn.....	21
20	Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers, interest to date, F. Frelinghuysen, Treasurer.....	232
	G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	75
	G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	200
	G. A. Sage Fund for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	200
	J. Suydam Legacy for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	100
	J. Suydam Legacy for repair and improvement of Seminary buildings and grounds, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	150
	J. Suydam Fund for repair and improvement of Professorial dwellings, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer...	50
	Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog for repair of P. Hertzog Hall, F. T. Kirk, Treasurer.....	100
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, Stated Clerk, traveling expenses of Western Delegates.....	633
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, Stated Clerk, salary as Stated Clerk.....	250
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, Stated Clerk, stationery, postage, car fares, expressage, etc.....	28 05
	Rev. W. H. De Hart, Stated Clerk, printing roll of delegates to General Synod.....	9
	Rev. C. Brett, D.D., traveling expenses attending meeting of Council of Hope College.....	50
	Rev. Wm. Moerdyk traveling expenses attending meeting of Council of Hope College.....	14 50
28	Mrs. S. E. Van Wickle, entertainment bill.....	5 75
	Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D.D., entertainment bill...	16
	Tax for 1897 on property 1261-1263 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, balance.....	100 10
30	Prof. J. G. Lansing salary on account.....	150
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Janitor's wages to July 1..	44 80
	Sundry bills, repairs to Brooklyn properties to July 1.....	1,251 54
	Commission collecting rents Brooklyn properties to June 1.....	179 12
	Sundry bills, repairs to property 400 1/2 18th St., Brooklyn, to July 1, account Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	58 06
	Commission collecting rents property 400 1/2 18th St., Brooklyn, to June 1.....	10 05
July 1	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appropriation to Mrs. V. Chickering.....	75
	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appropriation to Rev. J. H. Smock.....	50
	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary on account.....	181
11	Hope College Endowment Fund, balance of interest to May 1. C. Doesburg, Treasurer.....	769 24
18	J. Heidingsfeld, programs for Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	5
	Amount carried forward.....	\$20,442 36

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July 18	Amount brought forward.....	\$20,442 36
	To Cash paid Property 25 E. 22d St., fire escape for new extension.....	43
	Insurance on Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick.....	15
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Hull, Grippen & Co., cleaning chimneys and supplies.....	11 85
	E. Scott Co., 500 interest notices.....	3 25
28	Water rates, 1898, on Brooklyn properties.....	196
	Water rates, 1898, on property 400 1/2 13th St., Brooklyn, on account Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	18
	P. & C. Boyle, water rate, property 1202 8th Ave., Brooklyn.....	16
	Property 25 E. 22d St., W. H. Ivers, plumbing bill.....	3 75
	Property 25 E. 22d St., water rate 1898.....	27
	Water rate, 1898, on property 618 W. 49th St., New York.....	37
	Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary on account.....	100
Aug. 1	Property 25 E. 22d St., interest on Bond and Mortgage to date, Mrs. A. S. Pyne.....	800
2	Property 25 E. 22d St., Janitor's wages to 1st.....	44 80
	Expenses of moving Prof. J. H. Gillespie, on account.....	150
8	Prof. J. P. Searle, salary on account.....	125
11	Property 25 E. 22d St., Murray & Hill, window blinds.....	11 25
	Insurance on Professorial dwelling at New Brunswick.....	15
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Lowther & Bro., coal bill..	114 75
	Stewart, Warren & Co., cheque book.....	11 50
17	P. & C. Boyle, plastering, etc., property 1202 8th Ave., Brooklyn.....	8
28	Bond and Mortgage loan to E. Melvin.....	16,000
Sept. 1	Salary of Prof. S. M. Woodbridge to date.....	625
	Salary of Prof. D. D. Demarest to date, Mrs. D. D. Demarest.....	625
	Prof. J. P. Searle, balance of salary to date.....	500
	Prof. J. G. Lansing, balance of salary to date.....	1 63
	Prof. E. Winter, salary to date.....	375
	Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	300
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Janitor's wages to date....	44 80
8	Insurance on property 618 W. 49th St., New York.	24 70
	P. & C. Boyle, plate glass insurance, property 1202 8th Ave. Brooklyn.....	4 50
	Contingent expenses, Western Theological Seminary, Rev. P. Moerdyke, Treasurer.....	150
	Property 25 E. 22d St., gas bills May 6 to August 17.....	18 10
	Rev. T. J. Kommers, printing circulars for Committees of Sunday Schools and C. I. postage and stationery.....	14 23
	Repairs on Brooklyn properties to August 1.....	651 45
	Repairs on property 400 1/2 13th St., Brooklyn, to August 1st, on account Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	13 88
21	Jos. W. Sutphen, drawing assignment H. M. Billings mortgage.....	5
	G. W. Bromley & Co., property atlas Manhattan Island and Brooklyn.....	40
	Property 25 E. 22d St., Black & Boyd Mfg Co., gas brackets.....	2 20
23	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary on account.....	146
26	Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary on account.....	250
30	Education Fund, Income, Board of Education....	740 83
	Parochial School Fund, interest, Board of Education.....	239 42
	Bequest of Hiram J. Meenk, interest, Board of Education.....	16 33
	J. Antonides Scholarship Fund, interest, Board of Education.....	396 53
	Amount carried forward.....	\$43,875 11

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1898		Amount brought forward.....	\$43,375 11
Sept. 30		M. Antoinette Thompson Fund, interest, Board of Education.....	85 08
		Special Fund for expenses Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, on account assessment paving College Avenue.....	160 14
Oct. 8		Property 25 East 22d Street, tax of 1898.....	238 91
		Property 618 West 49th Street, tax of 1898.....	119 45
		Typewriting letters for Synod's Special Committee on Seminary expenses.....	12
		E. Scott Co., 1,000 copies reprint General Synod's reports for same.....	6 91
5		Sutphen & Lafferts, on account disbursements in foreclosure M. Farmer, mortgage.....	125
		Geo. Junkin, Treasurer, pro rata share expenses of Alliance of Reformed Churches.....	180
		Property 25 East 22d Street, Janitor's wages to 1st.....	44 80
12		175 reports Board of Direction and Treasurer's annual statement.....	18 50
		Property 25 East 22d Street, B. Sussmann, light of glass.....	1 50
		B. Branagan, new range for house, 456 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn.....	30
		Property 25 East 22d Street, ice bill June 1 to Oct 1.....	6 05
		Property 25 E. 22d St., W. H. Ivers, plumbing bill	6 50
		G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance of Sage Library, on account of income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	000
		G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, on account of income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	200
		G. A. Sage Fund for purchase of books for Sage Library, on account of income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	300
		J. Suydam, Legacy for maintenance of Suydam Hall, on account of income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	250
		J. Suydam Legacy for repairing and improving seminary buildings and grounds, on account of income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	200
		J. Suydam Fund, for repairing and improving professorial dwellings, on account of income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	75
		Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for repairing P. Hertzog Hall, on account income, F. T. Kirk, treasurer.....	170
15		Prof. J. G. Lansing, on account of salary.....	200
		Prof. Henry E. Dosker, on account of salary.....	129
Nov. 1		Widows' Fund, income, annuities.....	4,576 65
		Disabled Ministers' Fund, income, appropriations	3,077 50
		W. E. Florance, collector, balance of assessment for paving College Avenue.....	160 13
		Appropriation for erection of lecture room for Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J.....	1,000
4		Property 25 E. 22d Street, Janitor's wages to 1st..	44 80
10		Prof. J. G. Lansing, balance of salary to Dec. 1st.	150
		Insurance on Semellink Family Hall, Holland, Mich.....	30
		Insurance on President Kollen's dwelling, Holland, Mich.....	18
		J. Heidingsfeld, 1000 circular letters, special fund expenses Theological Seminary, New Brunswick	4
		Property 25 East 22d Street, repairs to electric bells.....	1 45
		Property 25 E. 22d Street, repairs to furnace.....	2 85
		Disabled Ministers' Fund, appropriation to Rev. W. Winant.....	50
		Prof. Henry E. Dosker, on account of salary.....	57
23		A. Elmendorf, Theological Educational Fund, interest on account, Prof. J. P. Searle, Secretary	50
		Amount carried forward.....	\$55,756 31

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1898	Amount brought forward.....	\$ 55,756 31
Nov. 23	To Cash paid Expenses of moving Prof. J. H. Gillespie to New Brunswick, balance.....	33 88
Dec. 1	Salaries of Profs. Woodridge and Gillespie.....	1,250
	Prof. J. F. Searle, salary to date.....	625
	Prof. E. Winter, " ".....	375
	Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	200
	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, " ".....	40
	Property 25 East 22d Street, Janitor's wages to date.....	44 80
7	Prof. J. G. Lansing, salary to March 1, 1899.....	463 31
8	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, salary on account.....	47 30
	Property 25 East 22d Street, gas bills, Aug. 17th to Nov. 18th.....	19 66
10	Hope College Endowment Fund, interest on account, C. Doesburg, Treasurer.....	800
	J. Van Landegend, repairs to furnace Semelink Family Hall.....	50 39
	West Michigan Seating Co., two desks for Western Theological Seminary.....	3 40
	Catalogues for Western Theological Seminary, per Prof. J. W. Beardslee.....	15
14	Education Fund income, interest on account, Board of Education.....	3,125
	Parochial School Fund, interest on account, Board of Education.....	250
20	Disabled Ministers' Fund, appropriation to Mrs. Ella N. Enyard.....	37 50
1899	Property 25 East 22d Street, Janitor's wages to 1st	44 80
Jan. 3	Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, B. Exchange, Rev. John Scudder, D. D., Treasurer.....	1,980 59
	J. Heldingsfeld, catalogues, envelopes, etc., Theological Seminary, New Brunswick.....	70
	Insurance on J. Suydam Hall, \$5,000, 3 years.....	87 50
	" plate glass 222 226 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn.....	8 50
	Property 25 E. 22d Street, Hull, Grippen & Co., Janitor's supplies, etc.....	4 20
	B. Branagan, repairs on heater, 456 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn.....	3 50
	C. W. Eckhardt, photographing houses on 21st Street, Brooklyn.....	5
	Rev. M. H. Hutton, D. D., supplying chair, late Prof. Demarest, lectures on Liturgies.....	50
13	P. & C. Boyle, bill of R. Kirkman, repairing stoop property 1202 8th Avenue, Brooklyn.....	4 80
16	Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	75 00
23	Prof. Henry E. Dosker " ".....	132 68
	C. Doesburg, Treasurer, settlement of fire loss on Grammar Hall, Holland, Mich.....	345 20
	John D. Wyeth, adjustment of fire loss on Grammar Hall, Holland, Mich.....	5
	Property 25 East 22d Street, Askin & Co., bill for painting.....	39
25	Bond and mortgage, loan to J. H. Comiskey.....	22,000
Feb. 1	Fifth Avenue Safe Deposit Co., rent of safe to January 23, 1900.....	35
	Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, rent of safe to January 23, 1900.....	5
	Property 25 East 22d Street, interest on B. mortgage to date, Mrs. A. S. Pyne.....	800
	Property 25 East 22d Street, Janitor's wages to date.....	44 80
15	Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	25
	Prof. Henry E. Dosker, " ".....	157
20	J. Suydam Legacy for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	50
	J. Suydam Legacy for repairing and improving Seminary buildings and grounds, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	50
	G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	250
	Amount carried forward.....	\$ 89,359 12

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1899		Amount brought forward.....	\$ 89,859 12
Feb. 20		To cash paid G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	50 00
		Attendance of R. R. Agent at General Synod, to vise R. R. certificate, Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, Permanent Clerk	17
24		Sundry bills of repairs on Brooklyn properties to 1st.	1,345 86
		Commissions collecting rents on Brooklyn properties June 1st, 1898, to 1st.....	176 47
		Commissions collected for rents on property 400 1/4 18th Street, Brooklyn, June 1st, 1898, to 1st, on account Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	9 70
		Sundry bills of repairs on property 400 1/4 18th Street, Brooklyn, to 1st.....	82 97
Mar. 1		Salaries, Profs. Woodbridge and Gillespie, to date	1,350
		Prof. J. P. Searle, salary to date.....	625
		Prof. E. Winter, " "	375
		Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	57
		Prof. Hy. E. Dosker, " "	11 70
		For repairs Hope College and Western Theological Seminary buildings, C. Doesburg, Treasurer....	200
		Property 25 East 22d Street, Janitor's wages to date.....	44 80
6		Insurance on Suydam Hall, \$5,000, 3 years.....	37 50
		" " Hertzog Hall, \$2,500, 3 years.....	18 75
		" " professorial dwelling, New Bruns- wick.....	20
		Property 25 E. 22d Street, gas bills Nov. 18, 1898, to Feb. 17.....	48 78
		Property 25 East 22d Street, W. H. Ivers, plumb- ing bill.....	15 70
		Property 22 East 22d Street, W. M. Sherwood, carpenter bill.....	2 40
9		Insurance on professorial dwelling, New Bruns- wick.....	8
31		Property 25 East 22d Street, Lowther & Bro., coal bill.....	12 50
		G. A. Sage Fund for purchase of books for Sage Library, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	500
		G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	100
		J. Suydam Legacy, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	100
		Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Bruns- wick, 500 envelopes, Board of Publication.....	2
		Education Fund, 1st Reformed Church, Pella, Ia., Board of Education.....	13 25
Apr. 1		Property 25 East 22d Street, Janitor's wages to date.....	44 80
4		Interest account, cheque for interest protested....	400
		Expense account, protest fees.....	1 85
8		G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance of Sage Library Property 25 East 22d Street, repairs to doorspring	71 50
14		A. Elmendorf, Theological Educational Fund. balance of interest to May 1, 1898, Prof. J. P. Searle, Secretary.....	1 50
24		G. A. Sage Fund. for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library. D. Murray, Treasurer.....	51 30
		J. Suydam Legacy, for maintenance of J. Suy- dam Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	1,000
		J. Suydam Legacy, for repairs and improv- ment of Seminary Buildings and Grounds. D. Murray, Treasurer.....	250
		J. Suydam Fund for repairing and improving of Professorial Dwellings, D. Murray, Treasurer..	250
		Prof. Henry E. Dosker, balance of salary to March 1st.....	100
25		P. and C. Boyle, repairs to property 1202 8th Ave., Brooklyn, R. Kirkman.	288 30
28		Arcot Theological Seminary Fund. Bill of Exchange Insurance on property 80-82 East Broadway, Brooklyn.....	17 50
			681 90
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		Amount carried forward	\$ 97,666 15

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Amount brought forward.....	\$ 97,666 15
To cash paid Insurance on Professorial Dwellings, New Brunswick, N. J.....	60
Property 25 East 22d St., W. H. Ivers, plumbing..	3 25
Lecture courses. Supplies for Chair of the late Prof. Demarest, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	436
G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	250
G. A. Sage Fund, for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	200
J. Suydam Legacy, for maintenance of J. Suydam Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	200
J. Suydam Legacy, for repairs and improving of Seminary Buildings and Grounds, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	200
J. Suydam Fund, for repairs and improvements of Professorial Dwellings, D. Murray, Treasurer	100
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog for repairing and improving of P. Hertzog Hall, D. Murray, Treasurer.....	50
Property 25 East 22d St., Janitor's wages to 30 h..	44 80
Prof. J. W. Beardslee, salary on account.....	142 50
Charge for collection of out-of-town cheques.....	2 42
P. and C. Boyle, balance 1898.....	7 57
Estate of Margaret A. Kirkman, balance 1898.....	27 79
Expense of Treasurer's office, May 1st, 1898, to April 30th. 1899.....	\$ 500
Treasurer's salary, from May 1, 1898, to April 30, 1899.....	2,500
John H. Allen, Accountant.....	100
Stationery, postage, etc., May 1, 1898 to April 30, 1899.....	64 97
	<u>3,164 97</u>

This amount is apportioned to the following funds, viz :

Expense account or Permanent Seminary Fund.....	492 42
Education Fund, Income.	529 08
Parochial-school Fund.....	39 19
Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers... ..	17 03
Widow's Fund, Income.....	360 42
Disabled Ministers Fund, Income.....	215 55
J. Suydam Professorial Fund.....	204 33
G. A. Sage " "	170 28
James Suydam Fund for repairing and improving of Professorial Dwellings, special.....	37 46
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for repairs to P. Hertzog Hall.....	34 06
Foreign Missions.....	10 44
Domestic "	20 49
Hope College Endowment Fund, Income	124 54
Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Western Theological Seminary.....	102 17
A. Elmendorf Theological Educational Fund.....	8 12
Margaret Antoinette Thompson Fund..	6 81
James Anderson Memorial Fund.....	1 41
G. A. Sage Endowment for maintenance of P. Hertzog Hall, Income... ..	85 14
G. A. Sage Endowment for maintenance of G. A. Sage Library, Income.....	119 20
G. A. Sage Endowment for purchase of books for G. A. Sage Library, Income	68 11
James Suydam Legacy for maintenance of James Suydam Hall, Income.....	68 11
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$2,714 31</u>
	\$ 99,890 48

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1899	Amount brought forward.....	\$2,714 31
Apr. 30	James Suydam Legacy for repairs and improvements of Seminary Buildings and Grounds, Income.....	68 11
	Church Building Fund.....	6 85
	Second Professorship in Western Theological Seminary.....	64 71
	Abm J. Swits Scholarship in Western Theological Seminary.....	3
	Angelina Silvernall Fund.....	78 83
	J. Antonides Scholarship Fund.....	31 75
	Centennial Seminary Fund.....	4 29
	Bequest of Hiram J. Meenk.....	1 81
	Arcot Theo. Seminary Fund, Income..	192 81
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		3,164 97
May 1	Balance on hand, carried to new account.....	\$102,555 45
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		\$164,260 30

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May 1	By balance brought forward from last account.....	30,602 11
9	" cash received for six Long Island R. R. first mortgage bonds	3,000
17	Legacy of Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen for Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J.....	611 05
June 20	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., John S. Voorhees.....	25
27	Legacy of Jan Spykerman for the 2d Theological Professorship, in the Western Theological Seminary per G. J. Diekema, Exr.....	500
July 5	On account of bond and mortgage, Margt. Coleman.....	250
27	" " " E. A. Peterson.....	100
28	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Domestic Missions, janitor service to Aug. 1.....	19 20
29	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Aug. 1.....	19 20
30	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Education, janitor service to Aug. 1.....	19 20
Aug. 3	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Woman's Bd of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Aug. 1.....	19 20
15	Bond and mortgage, Josephine Finch.....	1,600
Sept. 1	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Women's Ex' Committee, Dom. Missions, janitor service to Aug. 1.....	19 20
29	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., rebate of premium on insurance....	2 72
30	On acct. of bond and mortgage, John Dollard.....	600
Oct. 17	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Education, share of exp., coal, gas and ice.....	26 71
24	Bond and Mortgage, J. D. Putnam.....	5,000
31	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Publication, janitor service to Aug. 1.....	19 20
Nov.	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Domestic Missions, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Foreign Missions janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Women's Bd of Foreign Missions, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
9	For expenses of Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., Mrs. Sarah H. Wyckoff.....	100
15	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Education, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
18	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 1st Ref. Ch., Randolph Centre, Wis.....	5 58
	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Mrs. Rachel S. Wilson.....	50
21	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Women's Ex. Committee, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
Dec. 1	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 2d Ref. Ch., Syracuse, N. Y.	5
6	Education Fund, income, arrears of interest on three bonds, City of Rahway, Est. of Anthony Rue.....	125
19	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Ref. Ch. Fultonville, N. Y.....	10
22	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., J. Townsend Lansing.....	300
24	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Gerard Beekman.....	25
	Adjustment of loss by fire, Grammar Hall, Holland, Mich.....	350 20
29	Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., Ref. Ch. Philmont, N. Y.....	50 88
1899	Bond and Mortgage, F. Von der Heide.....	\$20,500
Jan. 5	" " " on acct. 2d Ref. Ch., Kalamazoo, Mich., Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	1,000
7	Endowment of 2d Professorship in Western Theological Seminary, Ref. Ch., Kinderhook, N. Y.....	25
12	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Publication, janitor service to Nov. 1.....	19 20
18	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 1st Ref. Ch. Gravesend, N. Y.	20
19	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Ref. Ch., Harlingen, N. J.....	4 75
20	Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. S. W. Mills, D. D.....	100
	Amount brought forward.....	\$ 65,819 40

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1899	Amount brought forward.....	\$ 65,319 40
Jan. 23	By cash received Bond and Mortgage, M. Farmer, foreclosure..	5,000
	Refund of disbursements, M. Farmer, foreclosure.....	125
24	Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., John D. Ditmis.....	100
	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., John D. Ditmis.....	22
Feb. 1	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Foreign Missions, janitor service to date.....	19 20
	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Mrs. Janie M. Graham.....	50
3	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Woman's Bd of Foreign Missions, janitor service to 1st.....	19 20
	Widows' Fund, an acct. of legacy of Sarah Bayly, per W. H. Rainey, Exr.....	375
	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Education, janitor service to 1st.....	19 20
6	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Bd of Domestic Missions, janitor service to 1st.....	19 20
20	Prop. 25 E. 22d St., Woman's Ex' Committee, Dom. Missions, janitor service to 1st.....	19 20
27	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 1st Ref. Ch., New Brunswick, N. J.....	64 61
28	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 2d Ref. Ch., New Brunswick, N. J.....	36
Mar. 2	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., American Ref. Ch., Orange City, Iowa...	9 56
8	For expenses of Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., 1st Ref. Ch., Somerville, N. J.....	41 01
7	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Ref. Ch., Gardiner, N. Y.....	10
2	Bond and mortgage, J. S. Raynor.....	1,300
11	" " on account J. Cooper.....	500
	Property 25 East 22d Street, expense of gas, Christian Endeavor meeting.....	1
13	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Schodack, N. Y.....	8 36
	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church Fultonville, N. Y.....	12 50
	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Pompton, N. J.....	10 56
16	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Bay Ridge Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	11 87
	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Middleburg, Ia.....	3 89
18	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 1st Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J....	61 46
21	For expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., 2nd Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J....	43 87
	Education Fund, income 1st Reformed Church, Pella, Ia.	13 25
22	Bond and Mortgage, on account Mary A. Sullivan.....	2,250
23	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Flatbush, N. Y.....	77 25
29	Endowment Fund, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Third Reformed Church, Holland, Mich..	19 06
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Publication, Janitor service to February 1st.....	19 20
Apr. 1	Bond and Mortgage, on account J. H. De Lamater.....	3,000
5	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., First Reformed Church, Coxsackie, N. Y.	4
7	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Catskill, N. Y.....	62 37
8	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Hope Reformed Church, Holland, Mich..	12 36
	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Port Richmond, N. Y.	51 58
	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., First Reformed Church, Jamestown, Mich.....	10 25
10	Endowment Fund, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Immanuel Reformed Church, Palsville-Ia.....	10
	Amount carried forward.....	\$ 78,726 41

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1899	Amount brought forward.....	\$ 78,726 41
Apr. 10	By cash received for Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Port Richmond, N. Y.....	1
	Endowment of Second Professorship in Western Theological Seminary, per Rev. Jas. F. Zwemer.....	500
12	For Expenses of Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., James B. Mabon.....	50
	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Flatlands, N. Y. . . .	10
13	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Buskirks, N. Y.....	10
	Endowment Fund, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., First Reformed Church, Berne, N. Y. . . .	20
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Foreign Missions, share of expenses of coal, gas and ice.....	58 41
14	Bond and Mortgage, J. H. De Lamater.....	15,000
15	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Education, janitor service to April 30.....	19 20
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Education, share gas, coal and ice expenses.....	29 16
	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., First Reformed Church, Jamaica, N. Y..	35 66
19	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., First Reformed Church, Athens, N. Y..	4
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Domestic Missions, janitor service to 30th.....	19 20
	Property, 25 East 22d Street, Board of Domestic Missions, share expense, gas, coal and ice.....	54 13
24	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.....	47 46
	Endowment Fund, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.....	10 67
25	Endowment Fund, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Jas. C. Hendrickson.....	100
26	Endowment Fund, Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Bay Ridge Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	4
28	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Reformed Church, Kinderhook, N. Y. . .	16 93
26	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Publication, janitor service to 30th.....	19 20
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Publication, share expenses, gas, coal and ice.....	52 41
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to 30th.....	19 20
29	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, janitor service to 30th.....	16 20
	Property, 25 E. 22d Street, Woman's Executive Committee Domestic Missions, janitor service to 30th....	19 20
	For Expenses of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., Collegiate Reformed Church, New York City.....	783 25
30	P. & C. Boyle, balance.....	260 27
	Expenses to Boards, No. 25 E. 22d Street, May 1, 1898, to date.....	4,400
	Rents Collected from Real Estate to date.....	7,136 05
	Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, interest on Bonds and Mortgages, etc., to date.....	3,658 14
1898		
July 28	P. & C. Boyle, for water, rent, property, 1202 8th Avenue Brooklyn.....	16
Aug. 17	P. & C. Boyle, for plastering property 1202 8th Avenue, Brooklyn.....	8
Sept. 8	P. & C. Boyle, for plateglass insurance, property 1202 8th Avenue, Brooklyn.....	4 50
1899		
Jan. 13	P. & C. Boyle, for repairing stoop, property, 1202 8th Avenue, Brooklyn.....	4 80
Apr. 25	P. & C. Boyle, for repairs, property 1202 8th Avenue, Brooklyn.....	17 50
	Amount carried forward.....	\$111,133 95

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April 30	Amount brought forward..... By cash received from the following Classes for Contin- gent Expenses of General Synod, during the year, vis:		\$111,138 1
	Class of Dakota, on account.....1898 \$ 9 Michigan.....1897 36 89 Grand River..... 39 87 Orange..... 80 51 Hudson..... 47 87 Bergen..... 77 78 Rensselaer.....1898 39 80 Greene..... 25 27 Saratoga..... 33 74 Newark..... 34 10 Hudson..... 39 71 Kingston..... 37 39 Baritan..... 35 70 Michigan..... 33 05 Ulster..... 49 50 Schoharie..... 33 18 Rochester..... 31 11 Westchester..... 46 85 Montgomery..... 15 78 New Brunswick..... 31 64 South Class of Long Island..... 103 37 Philadelphia..... 33 19 Wisconsin..... 35 50 Grand River..... 31 11 Passaic..... 39 87 Albany..... 36 11 Paramus..... 46 18 Poughkeepsie..... 136 27 New York..... 35 35 Monmouth..... 33 73 North Class of Long Island..... 35 33 Schenectady..... 36 64		1,922 7
	By Cash received from the following Classes during the year for the Entertainment Fund, viz:		
	Class of Michigan.....1897 \$ 33 78 Wisconsin, balance..... 35 10 Schoharie..... 34 44 Dakota..... 9 Iowa..... 32 85 Illinois..... 33 64 South Class of Hudson..... 43 80 Bergen..... 32 30 Rensselaer.....1898 43 73 Greene..... 31 36 Saratoga..... 35 33 Hudson..... 41 76 Michigan..... 34 08 Grand River..... 43 34 South Class of Long Island..... 110 48 Westchester..... 50 03 Newark..... 90 73 New Brunswick..... 35 70 Philadelphia..... 37 25 South Class of Bergen..... 71 48 Passaic..... 36 03 Albany..... 34 50 Paramus..... 36 64 Poughkeepsie..... 49 82 New York..... 213 05 Monmouth..... 37 25 Baritan..... 71 98		\$1,589 54
	Amount carried forward		\$112,136 2

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1899		Amount brought forward.....	\$1,559 34	\$113,116 65
April 30		By cash received:		
		North Classis of Long Island.....	" 92 26	
		Orange.....	" 76 90	
		Wisconsin.....	" 92 24	
		Holland	" 56 88	
		Bergen.....	" 68 24	
		Ulster.....	" 53 06	
		Schenectady	" 61 32	
		Montgomery	" 81 74	
				2,142
		By Cash received from Churches during the year for the Widows' Fund, viz:		
		Ref. Ch. Syracuse, N. Y.	\$ 8 37	
		" Kaatsban, "	12 50	
		" Poughkeepsie, "	28 50	
		" Brooklyn, "	88 98	
		" Mapletown, "	3 88	
		" Albany, "	44 26	
		" Brooklyn, "	11 34	
		" Astoria, "	8	
		" " "	8	
		" Brooklyn, "	8 37	
		" Coxsackie, "	12 19	
		" Germantown, "	4 61	
		" Stone Ridge, "	1 65	
		" North Marbletown "	1	
		" Woodstock, "	2 57	
		" Ghent, "	2 06	
		" Schoharie, "	6 80	
		" Poughkeepsie "	16 84	
		" Hudson, "	30 97	
		" Jamaica, "	20	
		" Bloomingburgh "	2	
		" Stone Arabia "	3	
		" Ephratah, "	3 18	
		" West Copake, "	2 50	
		" Port Richmond, "	8 25	
		" Athens, "	5 00	
		" Flatbush, "	3 32	
		" Yonkers, "	6 28	
		" Herkimer, "	8 73	
		" Walden, "	5 06	
		" Pine Bush, "	4 16	
		" Nyack, "	12 21	
		" Kingston, "	6 04	
		" Clarkstown, "	5 27	
		" Mount Ross, "	1	
		" Yonkers, "	3 80	
		" Schenectady, "	19 14	
		" Montgomery "	6 20	
		" Glen, "	2 15	
		" Canajoharie, "	18 10	
		" Shawangunk, "	5	
		" Catskill, "	21 86	
		" Fallsburgh, "	5	
		" Brooklyn, "	5 29	
		" Kingston, "	6 17	
		" Gansevoort, "	1 02	
		" Fishkill, N. Y.	11 33	
		" Cohoes, "	1 12	
		" Bronxville, "	11 64	
		" Schuylerville, "	12 42	
		" Long Island City "	3 20	
		" Sayville, "	7 16	
		" Lodi, "	5	
		" Brooklyn, "	5 20	
		" Blooming Grove, "	4	
		" " "	3	
		Amounts carried forward.....	\$488 68	\$115,258 65

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April 30	Amounts brought forward.....		\$489 68	\$115,258 6
	By cash received :			
	New Brooklyn	Ref. Ch. Brooklyn, N. Y.	8	
		New Hackensack "	1 72	
	First	Amsterdam, "	9	
	" S. S.	" "	6 22	
		Brighton Heights "	4 07	
		Canarsie, "	4	
		Sprakers, "	2	
	Rosendale Plains	Rosendale, "	1 64	
	First	Albany, "	10	
		Buskirks "	5	
	First	Syracuse, "	9 79	
	Junior Endeavor 1st	Long Island City, "	3	
	Ger. Evangl.	Jamalca, "	5	
	First	Tarrytown, "	13 67	
		North Blenheim, "	1	
	Second	Tarrytown, "	2 55	
	Greenport	Greendale, "	3 02	
		Utica, "	5	
		Knox, "	32	
		Currytown, "	5	
	First	Ghent, "	6 50	
	" S. S.	" "	2 50	
		Wallkill Valley, "	5	
		Hugenots, "	2 00	
	Berea	Walden, "	2	
		Grand Gorge, "	2	
		Nassau, "	1	
	Second	Syracuse, "	2	
	Bloomingtondale,	Bloomington, "	3 85	
		Berne, "	12	
		Beaverdam, "	80	
		West Leyden, "	1 81	
		Rochester, Ulster Co. "	7	
		Mellenville, "	1	
		Prattsville, "	1 82	
	Second	Schenectady, "	1	
	First	Athens, "	5	
		Hurley, "	2	
	Unionville,	Neperan, "	2	
		Kinderhook, "	12 21	
	Second,	Berne, "	26	
	First,	Astoria, "	5	
		Niekayuna, "	5	
		Kiskatom, "	3 50	
		Shawangunk, "	2 05	
	South,	N. Y. City	5 66	
	Collegiate,	"	125 59	
	Union,	High Bridge, "	4 74	
	Of the Comforter,	"	1 51	
	Fourth German,	"	6	
	Collegiate,	Harlem, "	18 90	
	Knox Memorial Ch'l	"	10	
	Hamilton Grange,	"	4 29	
	Grace,	"	2	
	German,	Plainfield, N. J.	1 00	
		Readington, "	4	
		Oradell, "	6 87	
	Acquackanonk,	Passaic, "	4 50	
	First,	Orange, "	11 80	
	"	Garfield, "	1 06	
		Colts' Neck, "	5	
		Annandale, "	3	
	Broadway,	Paterson, "	2	
	Six Mile Run,	Franklin Park, "	11 91	
		Stanton, "	2 05	
		Cherry Hill, "	4 01	
		Paramus, "	9 40	
		Bedminster, "	9 40	
	First,	Ridgewood, "	2 17	
	Trinity,	Newark, "	2 67	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$987 61	\$115,258 6

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Amount brought forward.....	\$	927 01	\$115,258 05
By cash received:			
Clinton Ave.,	Ref. Ch. Newark, N. J.	16 70	
	" Clifton, "	2 50	
	" Metuchen, "	10 18	
	" Three Bridges, "	8 06	
	" Harlingen, "	2	
First,	" Paterson, "	11	
North,	" Schraalenburgh, "	7 88	
Franklin,	" Nutley, "	4 26	
First,	" Bayonne, "	11 92	
	" Spring Valley, "	1 75	
Trinity,	" Plainfield, "	18 08	
	" Long Branch, "	8 50	
C. E. Society, First,	" Rocky Hill, "	7 81	
S. S. of Second,	" Hudson City, "	5	
	" Middletown, "	2	
People's P'k, Holland,	" Paterson, "	4	
North,	" Newark, "	75	
West Hoboken, Ch'l,	" New Durham, "	4	
First, Holland,	" Paterson, "	8	
	" North Branch, "	1 21	
	" Peapack, "	1 50	
S. S. & Miss'y So-			
ciet, Third,	" Bayonne, "	2	
	" Middlebush, "	4 61	
Second,	" Hudson City, "	5	
Rockaway,	" Whitehouse, "	2 47	
First,	" Ridgewood, "	8	
North Bergen	" Weehawken, "	8	
Second,	" Lodi, "	5	
First, Freehold,	" Marlboro, "	5 07	
Addisville,	" Richboro, Pa.	4 25	
N. and Southampton,	" Churchville, "	8	
First,	" Philadelphia, "	9 57	
Fourth,	" "	8	
First,	" Jamestown, Mich.	5 57	
Second,	" "	62	
Fourth,	" Grand Rapids, "	4 04	
Ninth,	" "	3 40	
Seventh,	" "	2	
	" Zeeland, "	10	
	" Hamilton, "	1 53	
Second,	" Kalamazoo, "	5 45	
	" Spring Lake, "	2 50	
	" Beaverdam, "	1 83	
S. S. of Grace,	" Grand Rapids, "	1	
Hope,	" Holland, "	10 97	
	" Maurice, Iowa,	4 75	
Sion,	" Chapin, "	8 50	
Third,	" Pella, "	10 25	
Second,	" "	10 15	
	" Parkersburg, "	5	
	" Monroe, "	1	
	" Sioux Centre, "	8 23	
American,	" Orange City, "	4	
	" Alton, "	5	
First,	" Pella, "	11	
	" Muscatine, "	1 75	
	" Hull, "	5	
Fourth,	" Pella, "	2	
Catechism Class,	" Newkirk, "	5	
Free Grace,	" Middleburgh, "	2	
	" Milwaukee, Wis.	20	
	" Waupun, "	4 19	
	" Cedar Grove, "	6 47	
	" Forreston, Ill.	5	
German	" Peoria, "	8 05	
	" Fulton, "	5	
Ebenezer	" Oregon, "	8	
Bethel	" Leota, Minn.	2 50	
	" Churchville, "	8 60	
	" Greenleafon, "	4 75	
Amount carried forward	\$1,277 65	\$115,258 65	

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April 30	Amounts brought forward.....		\$483 68	\$115,258 65
	By cash received :			
	New Brooklyn	Ref. Ch. Brooklyn, N. Y.	8	
		New Hackensack "	1 72	
	First	Amsterdam, "	9	
	" S. S.	" "	6 22	
		Brighton Heights "	4 07	
		Canarsie, "	4	
		Sprakers, "	2	
	Rosendale Plains	Rosendale, "	1 64	
	First	Albany, "	10	
		Buskirks "	5	
	First	Syracuse, "	9 79	
	Junior Endeavor 1st	Long Island City, "	3	
	Ger. Evangl.	Jamaica, "	5	
	First	Tarrytown, "	13 67	
		North Blenheim, "	1	
	Second	Tarrytown, "	2 55	
	Greenport	Greendale, "	3 62	
		Utica, "	5	
		Knox, "	32	
		Currytown, "	5	
	First	Ghent, "	6 50	
	" S. S.	" "	2 50	
		Wallkill Valley, "	5	
		Hugenots, "	2 00	
	Berea	Walden, "	2	
		Grand Gorge, "	2	
		Naassau, "	1	
	Second	Syracuse, "	2	
	Bloomingtondale,	Bloomington, "	3 85	
		Berne, "	12	
		Beaverdam, "	80	
		West Leyden, "	1 81	
		Rochester, Ulster Co. "	7	
		Mellenville, "	1	
		Prattsville, "	1 82	
	Second	Schenectady, "	1	
	First	Athens, "	5	
		Hurley, "	2	
	Unionville,	Neperan, "	2	
		Kinderhook, "	12 21	
	Second,	Berne, "	26	
	First,	Astoria, "	5	
		Niekayuna, "	5	
		Kiskatom, "	3 50	
		Shawangunk, "	2 05	
	South,	N. Y. City	5 66	
	Collegiate,	"	125 59	
	Union,	High Bridge, "	4 74	
	Of the Comforter,	"	1 51	
	Fourth German,	"	6	
	Collegiate,	Harlem, "	18 90	
	Knox Memorial Ch'l	"	10	
	Hamilton Grange,	"	4 29	
	Grace,	"	2	
	German,	Plainfield, N. J.	1 00	
		Readington, "	4	
		Oradell, "	6 37	
	Acquackanonk,	Passaic, "	4 50	
	First,	Orange, "	11 80	
	"	Garfield, "	1 06	
		Colts' Neck, "	5	
		Annandale, "	3	
	Broadway,	Paterson, "	2	
	Six Mile Run,	Franklin Park, "	11 91	
		Stanton, "	2 05	
		Cherry Hill, "	4 01	
		Paramus, "	9 40	
		Bedminster, "	9 40	
	First,	Ridgewood, "	2 17	
	Trinity,	Newark, "	2 67	
	Amount carried forward.....		\$967 61	\$115,258 65

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April 30	Amount brought forward..... \$310 88	\$116,875 68
	By cash received:	
	Reformed Church, Boonton, N. J., Rev. Alex. McKelvey.....	6 46
	Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J., Rev. E. G. Read.....	20
	Central Avenue Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. Chas. S. Wright.....	20
	Reformed Church Fairview, Ill., Rev. J. I. Gulick.....	20
	Reformed Church, Flatbush, N. Y., Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D.	20
	Reformed Church, Gravesend, N. Y., Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk.....	20
	Second Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. Theo. W. Wells, D.D.	20
	Lafayette Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. T. J. Kommers.....	17 25
	Reformed Church, Fultonville, N. Y., Rev. Wm. Schmitz.....	20
	Irving Park Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. Jesse W. Brooks.....	5 87
	Reformed Church, Holmdel, N. J., Rev. G. Wyckoff.....	20
	Madison Avenue Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y., Rev. N. I. M. Bogert	20
	Union Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. H. E. Nies.....	20
	Reformed Church, Florida, N. Y., Rev. R. A. Pearce.....	6
	Clove Reformed Church, High Falls, N. Y., Rev. H. Hageman.....	20
	First Reformed Church, College Point, N. Y., Rev. J. Baumeister.....	20
	New Lots Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. N. Pearce	20
	Reformed Church, Belleville, N. J., Rev. A. Hageman.....	8 84
	Reformed Church, Wyckoff, N. J., Rev. A. Westveer.....	7 50
	Reformed Church, Rhinebeck, N. Y., Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D.....	20 00
	Silver Creek Reformed Church, German Valley, Ill., Rev. A. F. Beyer.....	20
	Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. C. Brett, D.D.....	20
	Reformed Church, South Branch, N. J., Rev. Isaac Sperling.....	3 50
	First Reformed Church, Nyack, N. Y., Rev. W. J. Leggett.....	20
	Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City, Rev. A. E. Kittredge, D.D.....	20
	Reformed Church, Ellenville, N. Y., Rev. H. C. Berg, D.D.....	3 80
	First Reformed Church, Coxsackie, N. Y., Rev. Eugene Hill.....	10
	Reformed Church, Fonda, N. Y., Rev. J. A. De Baun, D.D.....	20
	First Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y., Rev. E. P. Johnson, D.D.....	20
	First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Jas. M. Farrar, D.D.....	50
	Sixth Holland Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J., Rev. E. Van Hetloo.....	20
	Fifth Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. C. F. C. Suckow.....	20
	Reformed Church, Saugerties, N. Y., Rev. D. Wortman, D.D.....	20
	Reformed Church, Chatham, N. Y., Rev. M. A. Denman.....	20
	Reformed Church, Vriesland, Mich., Rev. G. De Jonge.....	7 90
	Second Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. W. H. Williamson.....	20
	Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church, Roxbury, N. Y., Rev. N. H. Demarest.....	4 17
	Amount carried forward..... 940 17	\$116,875 68

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Amount brought forward.....	\$940 17	\$116,575 01
By cash received:		
Deerpark Reformed Church, Port Jervis, N. Y., Rev. J. H. Mackenzie.....	20	
Reformed Church, New Durham, N. J., Rev. I. W. Gowan.....	20	
Reformed Church, Fort Plain, N. Y., Rev. E. A. McCullum.....	20	
Houston Street German Evang. Mission, New York City, Rev. J. W. Geyer.....	20	
First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. P. T. Pockman, D. D.....	20	
Reformed Church, Pompton Plains, N. J., Rev. J. S. Hogan.....	5	
Helderberg Reformed Church, Guilderland Centre, N. Y., Rev. Geo. G. Seibert.....	6 85	
Hillsborough Reformed Church, Millstone, N. J., Rev. Theo. Shafer.....	20	
Ger. Evangl. Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. J. C. Guenther.....	20	
Reformed Church, Alto, Wis., Rev. H. Harmeling.....	20	
Reformed Church, New Paltz, N. Y., Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D.....	20	
Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J., Rev. I. P. Brokaw.....	20	
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By Cash received from the following Clergymen during the year, their Annual Payments to the Widows' Fund, viz.:

Rev. William C. Handy.....	20	
Wm. J. Skillman.....	20	
Daniel Van Pelt.....	40	
D. D. Demarest, D. D.....	20	
J. Lansing Pearse.....	20	
John Hoekje.....	20	
J. Howard Van Doren.....	20	
P. G. M. Bähler.....	20	
F. S. Schenck, D. D.....	20	
H. J. Pietenpol.....	20	
J. H. Oerter, D. D.....	20	
Peter Crispell.....	20	
J. H. Gillespie.....	20	
Daniel Lord.....	20	
B. T. Stateair.....	20	
C. C. A. L. St. John.....	20	
G. Zindler.....	20	
F. F. Wilson.....	20	
Edward Lodewick.....	20	
Wm. H. De Hart.....	14 85	
P. W. Pitcher.....	20	
John Scudder, M. D.....	20	
J. W. Scudder, D. D.....	20	
J. Chamberlain, D. D.....	20	
A. Pieters.....	20	
E. S. Booth.....	20	
L. R. Scudder, M. D.....	40	
L. B. Chamberlain.....	20	
Jas. Ossewaarde.....	20	
John G. Fagg.....	20	
Anson Du Bois, D. D.....	20	
A. A. Zabriskie.....	20	
Jacob Poppen.....	18 90	
Hy. Harmeling.....	20	
Edward Birdsall.....	20	
C. E. Crispell, D. D.....	15 27	
Hy. E. Dosker, D. D.....	20	
John Smit.....	20	
N. O. Lawsing.....	20	
John Rndolph.....	20	

Amount carried forward.....\$828 52 | \$118,027 70

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		Cr.	
1899	Amount brought forward.....	9888 22	\$113,087 70
April 29	By cash received:		
	Rev. C. H. Pool, D.D.....	20	
	Alex. McWilliam.....	20	
	J. Kremer.....	20	
	J. L. Ameyman, D.D.....	20	
	Hy N Cobb, D.D.....	20	
	Albert Oosterhof.....	20	
	J. E. Lyall.....	10	
	A. De W. Mason.....	20	
	S. A. Venema.....	20	
	W. H. Vroom.....	20	
	Hy. K. Boer.....	20	
	Hy. Unglaub.....	20	
	J. Meulendyke.....	20	
	John Justin.....	20	
	F. M. Bogardus.....	20	
	Hy. J. Scudder.....	20	
	G. Daugremond.....	20	
	Alex. McKelvey.....	12 54	
	J. Van Weetenburg.....	20	
	W. A. Dumont.....	20	
	F. S. Scudder.....	20	
	Hy. N. Cobb, D.D.....	20	
	J. O. Van Fleet.....	20	
	Jas. Le Fevre.....	20	
	A. J. Sebring.....	20	
	Geo. W. Labaw.....	20	
	P. R. Beckman.....	20	
	T. J. Kimmers.....	2 75	
	R. J. Hogan.....	20	
	E. J. Blekkink.....	20	
	S. A. Schlichter.....	20	
	G. Edwin Talmage.....	20	
	E. Winter, D.D.....	20	
	Jesse W. Brooks.....	14 68	
	John L. Stillwell.....	20	
	John W. Conklin.....	20	
	G. Niemeyer.....	20	
	Jas. Demarest, D.D.....	20	
	R. A. Pearson.....	14	
	A. Palge Pecke.....	20	
	Wm. Moerdyk.....	20	
	D. Broek.....	20	
	F. Hartig.....	16	
	J. B. Drury, D.D.....	20	
	N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D.....	20	
	A. Hageman.....	11 66	
	J. G. Gebhard.....	20	
	P. D. Van Cleeft, D.D.....	20	
	A. Westveer.....	12 50	
	E. T. Corwin, D.D.....	20	
	Hy. M. Cox.....	20	
	E. G. Ackerman.....	20	
	Hobart E. Studley.....	20	
	Hy. De Vries.....	20	
	Isaac Sperling.....	16 50	
	J. W. Warnshole.....	20	
	Geo. W. Furbeck.....	20	
	M. Kolyn.....	20	
	Jas. M. Dickson, D.D.....	20	
	John Vander Meulen.....	20	
	A. A. King.....	5	
	Hy. Miller, D.D.....	20	
	F. V. Van Vranken, D.D.....	20	
	Eugene Hill.....	10	
	C. M. Perlee.....	20	
	H. C. Berg D.D.....	16 70	
	S. J. Rederus.....	20	
	F. A. Force.....	20	
	H. V. S. Pecke.....	20	
	J. Van Weetenburg.....	20	
	P. Lapetuk.....	20	
	Amount carried forward.....	98,941 80	\$113,087 70

		Cr.	
1899			
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$2,241 80	\$118,037 70
	Rev. G. De Jonge.....	12 10	
	B. W. Lammers.....	20	
	N. H. Demarest.....	17 33	
	Alex. Shaw.....	20	
	J. H. Karsten.....	20	
	F. E. Schlieder.....	20	
	H'y. K. Boer.....	20 10	
	Geo. G. Seibert....	18 15	
	J. S. Hogan.....	15	
	L. Watermeulder.....	20	
	Daniel Van Pelt....	20	
	F. S. Schenck, D. D.....	20	
	Wm. D. Perry.....	20	
			2,479 48
	By cash received from Churches during the year year for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, viz:		
	First,	Ref. Ch. Syracuse, N. Y.	\$ 12 81
		" Gravesend, "	11 75
		" Lawyerville, "	2 34
	Second,	" Poughkeepsie, "	28 50
	On-the-Heights,	" Brooklyn, "	33 98
		" Mapletown, "	3 09
	Madison Ave.,	" Albany, "	64 36
		" Montgomery, "	3 52
	Greenpoint,	" Greendale, "	7 87
	First,	" Poughkeepsie, "	60 10
		" Spring Valley, "	9 57
	Kent St.,	" Brooklyn, "	11 36
	Second,	" Astoria, "	3
	" S. S.	" "	3
		" Philmont, "	15 03
	Twelfth St.,	" Brooklyn, "	8 38
		" Tyre, "	1 50
		" Germantown, "	5 87
		" Farmer, "	8 74
	Second,	" Port Jervis, "	1 50
		" Sayville, "	4 53
		" Woodstock, "	2 58
	Second,	" Ghent, "	2 07
		" Tappan, "	9 55
	First,	" Jamaica, "	5 07
		" New Hurley, "	2 50
		" Bloomingburgh, "	4
	New Prospect,	" Pine Bush, "	7 04
		" West Copake, "	2 50
		" Port Richmond, "	8 25
		" New Hackensack, "	6
	First,	" Athens, "	10
	"	" Yonkers, "	4 50
	"	" Nyack, "	27 65
		" Esopus, "	5
		" Ellenville, "	9 75
		" Stone Arabia, "	3
		" Fishkill, "	10 80
		" Locust Valley, "	5
	East New York,	" Brooklyn, "	10
		" Fonda, "	12 08
		" Schodack Land'g, "	1 60
		" Wawarsing, "	2 53
	First,	" Walden, "	5 05
		" Jerusalem, "	2
		Ref. Ch. Schoharie, N. Y.	6 71
		" Mount Vernon, "	12 69
		" Clymerhill, "	4 22
		" Schuylerville, "	15 76
	Clove	" High Falls, "	3 91
		" Queens, "	2
		" Clarkstown, "	7 62
	Amount carried forward	\$511 78	\$120,507 18

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1899 April 30	Cr.	1898 April 30	
Amount brought forward.....		\$228 22	\$125,087 70
By cash received:			
Mr. C. H. Pool, D.D.	20		
Alex. McWilliam.....	20		
J. Kremer	20		
J. L. Amerman, D.D.....	20		
Hy. N. Cobb, D.D.....	20		
Albert Oosterhof.....	20		
J. E. Lyall.....	10		
A. De W. Mason.....	20		
S. A. Venema	20		
W. H. Vroom.....	20		
Hy K. Boer.....	20		
Hy. Unglaub.....	20		
J. Meulendyke.....	20		
John Justis	20		
F. M. Bogardus.....	20		
Hy J. Scudder.....	20		
G. Daggremond.....	20		
Alex. McKelvey.....	12 54		
J. Van Westenburg.....	20		
W. A. Dumont	20		
F. S. Scudder.....	20		
Hy. N. Cobb, D.D	20		
J. O. Van Fleet.....	20		
Jas. Le Fevre	20		
A. J. Sebring.....	20		
Geo. W. Lsbaw.....	20		
T. B. Beckman.....	20		
T. J. Kommars.....	2 75		
B. J. Hogan.....	20		
E. J. Bickink.....	20		
S. A. Schlietr.....	20		
G. Edwin Talmage.....	20		
E. Winter, D.D.....	20		
Jesse W. Brooks.....	14 63		
John L. Stillwell.....	20		
John W. Conklin.....	20		
G. Niemeyer.....	20		
Jas. Demarest, D.D.....	20		
R. A. Penrose.....	14		
A. Paige Peck.....	20		
Wm. Moerdyk.....	20		
D. Brock.....	16		
F. Hartig	20		
J. B. Drury, D.D.....	20		
N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D.....	20		
A. Hageman.....	11 60		
J. G. Gebhard.....	20		
P. D. Van Cleaf, D.D.....	20		
A. Westveer.....	12 50		
E. T. Corwin, D. D.....	20		
Hy M. Cox.....	20		
E. G. Ackerman.....	20		
Robert E. Studley.....	20		
Hy De Vries.....	20		
Isaac Sperling.....	16 50		
J. W. Warnshuis.....	20		
Geo. W. Furbeck.....	20		
M. Kolyn.....	20		
Jas. M. Dickson, D. D.....	20		
John Vander Meulen.....	20		
A. A. Kling.....	5		
Hy. Miller, D. D.....	60		
F. V. Van Vranken, D. D.....	20		
Eugene Hill	10		
C. M. Perlee	20		
H. C. Berg D. D.....	16 70		
B. J. Rederus.....	20		
F. A. Force.....	20		
H. V. S. Pecke.....	20		
J. Van Westenburg.....	20		
P. Lapeltak.....	20		
Amount carried forward.....	\$2,241 60		\$128,087 70

		Cr.			
1899	Amount brought forward.....			\$1,387 16	\$120,301
April 30	By cash received:				
	Berea,	Ref. Ch.	Huguenote, N. Y.	2	
		"	Walden, "	5	
		"	Grand Gorge, "	2	
		"	Ganesvoort, "	11	
		"	Nassau, "	1 80	
		"	Hyde Park, "	5	
	Second,	"	Syracuse, "	2	
	Bloomington,	"	Bloomington, "	5	
		"	Stuyvesant Falls, "	1	
		"	Chatham, "	15	
		"	Rochester, Ulster Co. N. Y.	9	
		"	Mellenville, "	1 85	
		"	Prattville, "	1 85	
		"	Lisha's Kill, "	2 47	
	Second,	"	Schenectady, "	3	
	First,	"	Athens, "	8	
	Deer Park,	"	Port Jervis, "	80	
	Unionville,	"	Neperan, "	8	
		"	Kinderhook, N. Y.	12 22	
		"	Fort Plain, "	80 05	
		"	Hurley, "	2 25	
	Second	"	Berne, "	75	
	First	"	Astoria, "	5	
		"	Niskayuna, "	5	
		"	Kiskatom, "	7	
		"	Shawangunk, "	2 05	
	Ger. Evangl.	"	Brooklyn, "	3	
	Knox Mem. Chapel	"	N. Y. City	10	
	South	"	"	11 34	
	Collegeiate	"	"	288 00	
	Fordham	"	"	9 80	
	Collegeiate	"	Harlem	122 00	
	Madison Avenue	"	"	80	
	Union	"	High Bridge,	24 20	
	Of the Comforter	"	"	2 05	
	Fourth German	"	"	0	
	Houston St. Ger	Ev. Miss.	"	20	
	Hamilton Grange	Ref. Ch.	"	12 87	
	Grace	"	"	2	
	North	"	Schraalenburgh, N. J.	10 85	
	Asquackanonk	"	Pasaic, "	7 27	
	German	"	Plainfield, "	1	
	Third	"	Raritan, "	5 05	
	Second	"	New Brunswick, "	20	
	"	"	Freehold, "	10 87	
	Seegen	"	Jersey City, "	25 45	
		"	Readington, "	4	
		"	Westwood, "	15 81	
		"	Belleville, "	5 15	
	First	"	Orange, "	11 80	
	Second	"	Paterson, "	0 21	
	First	"	Garfield, "	2 13	
	Franklin	"	Nutley, "	5 00	
		"	Colts Neck, "	2	
		"	Spring Valley, N. J.	2 44	
		"	Ridgedfield, "	0	
		"	Harlingen, "	5 80	
		"	Stanton, "	2	
		"	Paramus, "	2 40	
		"	Annandale, "	2	
	Trinity	"	Newark, "	2 88	
	Clinton Ave.	"	"	25 05	
		"	Pompton Plains, "	5 00	
	Saydam St.	"	New Brunswick, "	12 22	
	Broadway,	"	Paterson, "	1 80	
	Highland Park,	"	New Brunswick, "	2 00	
	First	"	Bayonne, "	22 02	
	Hillsborough,	"	Millstone, "	7 20	
	Lafayette,	"	Jersey City, "	10 50	
		"	South Branch, "	2 50	
	Amount carried forward.....			\$2,407 04	\$120,301

		Cr.			
1899	Amount brought forward.....			\$2,497 28	\$120,507 18
April 30	By cash received:				
	First	Ref. Ch.	Wyckoff, N. J.	5 00	
	Second	"	Paterson,	14	
	Grand Ave.	"	Little Falls,	2 50	
	First	"	Asbury Park,	10	
		"	New Brunswick,	10 07	
		"	Clifton,	2 55	
	Christ	"	Newark,	6 65	
	Trinity	"	Plainfield,	18 08	
	Six Mile Run	"	Franklin Park,	14 41	
		"	Long Branch,	7	
		"	Middletown,	2	
	S. S. of Second	"	Hudson City,	10	
	German Evan.	"	Hoboken,	10	
	Central Ave.	"	Jersey City,	7 50	
		"	Cherry Hill,	3 40	
	People's Park, Holland	"	Paterson,	4	
	North	"	Newark,	75	
	Sixth Holland	"	Paterson,	10	
		"	Holmdel,	13	
	West Hoboken Ref. Chapel	"	New Durham,	2 85	
	First Holland	Ref. Ch.	Hasbrouck Heights	1	
		"	Paterson,	3	
		"	North Branch,	4	
		"	Montville,	3	
		"	Peapack,	1 50	
	S. S. & Miss. Soc. 3d	"	Bayonne,	3	
		"	Bedminster,	14 15	
		"	Wortendyke,	4 60	
		"	Middl. bush,	5	
	Second	"	Hudson City,	10	
		"	Metuchen,	9 63	
		"	Three Bridges,	1	
		"	So. Bound Brook,	3 67	
	North Bergen	"	Weehawken,	5	
		"	Boonton,	6 50	
	Second	"	Lodi,	5	
		"	Somerville,	57 20	
	First, Freehold	"	Marlboro,	3 63	
	Fourth	"	Raritan,	3	
		"	New Durham,	29 80	
		"	Griggstown,	1 89	
	Riverside	"	Paterson,	3	
	Park	"	Jersey City,	15 78	
	First, Holland	"	Passaic,	7 63	
		"	Bergen Point,	6	
	Addisville	"	Richboro, Pa.	4 69	
	No. and So. Hampton	"	Churchville,	3	
	Talmage Memorial	"	Philadelphia,	6	
	First	"	"	9 58	
	Fourth	"	"	5	
	Second	"	Jamestown, Mich.	63	
	Fourth	"	Grand Rapids,	4 04	
	Second	"	"	14 02	
	Fifth	"	"	7 82	
	Ninth	"	"	4	
	S. S. of Grace	"	"	2	
		"	Zeeland,	10	
		"	Hamilton,	1 53	
		"	Vriesland,	9 83	
	Second	"	Kalamazoo,	5 46	
	Hope	"	Holland,	9 72	
	Second	"	Grand Haven,	10 76	
		"	Spring Lake,	2 50	
		"	Beaverdam,	1 84	
	Seventh	"	Grand Rapids,	2	
	Free Grace	"	Middleburgh, Iowa.	4	
	Catechism Class	"	New Kirk,	5	
		"	Maurice,	8	
		"	Boydén,	6 40	
	Bethel	"	Pella,	6 50	
	Amount carried forward.....			\$2,931 18	\$120,507 18

		Cr.			
1899	Amount brought forward.....			\$2,981 12	\$120,507 18
April 30	By cash received:				
	Zion,	Ref. Ch.	Chapin,	Iowa.	2 50
		"	Monroe,	"	1
	First,	"	Orange City,	"	26 50
		"	Sioux Center,	"	6
	Third,	"	Pella,	"	9 90
	North Sibley,	"	Little Rock,	"	4 50
		"	Parkersburg,	"	4 86
	American,	"	Orange City,	"	4
		"	Alton,	"	5
	First,	"	Pella,	"	10 25
		"	Muscatine,	"	1 40
		"	Hull,	"	5
		"	Forreston,	Ill.	5
	S. S. of Irving Park,	"	Chicago,	"	9 53
	Ebenezer,	"	Oregon,	"	8
		"	South Holland,	"	10
	American,	"	Norwood Park,	"	4 86
		"	Baileyville,	"	7 90
		"	Fulton,	"	5
	Gano,	"	Chicago,	"	7 50
		"	Cedar Grove,	Wis.	6 47
	First,	"	Milwaukee,	"	20
	Bethel,	"	Leota,	Minn.	2 50
		"	Churchville,	"	3 60
		"	Greenleafston,	"	4 75
	Second,	"	Lennox,	S. Dak.	3
	First,	"	Harrison,	"	6
		"	Salem,	"	2
	Hope,	"	Westfield,	N. Dak.	4
		"	Firth,	Neb.	2 00
		"	Holland,	"	12 84
		"	Rotterdam,	Kan.	2
		"	Luctor,	"	2 50
		"	South Bend,	Ind.	2 85
	Second,	"	Cleveland,	Ohio.	6
					2,200 43
	Received personal contributions to the Fund during the year, viz :				
					7
	Rev. P. Q. Wilson.....				10
	Rev. H. DuB. Mulford.....				25
	Legacy of Jacob Guljenboom, per Rev. A. F. Beyer				6
	Mrs. C. A. Bogert, River Edge, N. J.....				10
	Anna R. Slingerland.....				5
	Mrs. Jane Schenck.....				10 50
	A friend.....				5
	" ".....				20
	" " M. J., Col. Co., N. Y.....				10
	Miss M. L. Monroe.....				108 50
	By Cash received towards payment of Salary of Second Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, during the year, viz:				
	First	Ref. Ch.	Holland,	Mich.	\$ 4 06
	Third	"	"	"	5
	Fourth	"	"	"	1
	Fifth	"	Grand Rapids,	"	1 80
	Bethany	"	"	"	2
	First	"	Kalamazoo,	"	5 73
		"	Overisel,	"	4
		"	Zeeland,	"	5
		"	Beaverdam,	"	1
		"	Three Oaks,	"	1
		"	Coopersville,	"	1
	Second	"	Muskegon,	"	1
	So' Blendon	"	Farrowe,	"	1
		"	Hamilton,	"	94
		"	East Overisel,	"	1
	Amount carried forward.....			\$25 53	\$123,816 11

		Cr.			
1899	Amount brought forward.....			\$35 58	\$132,816 11
April 30	By cash received:				
	Eighth	Ref. Ch.	Spring Lake, Mich.	1	
		"	Grand Rapids, "	1	
		"	New Kirk, Iowa,	2	
		"	Sioux Centre, "	5	
	First	"	Pella, "	3	
		"	Hospers, "	1	
		"	Boyden, "	1	
		"	Maurice, "	2	
	First	"	Chicago, Ill.	5	
	Englewood,	"	"	2	
	No Western	"	"	1	
	Irving Park	"	"	3	
	First Roseland	"	"	5	
		"	Danforth, "	1	
		"	Raritan, "	1	
		"	Balleville, "	2	
	Ebenezer	"	Oregon, "	1	
		"	Waupan, Wis.	1 25	
		"	Gibbsville, "	4	
		"	Clymerhill, N. Y.	1 62	
	Deer Park	"	Port Jervis, "	2	
		"	New Paltz, "	2	
		"	Kinderhook, "	5	
					88 40
	Interest collected on Notes	per Rev. Jas. F. Zwener	\$248 68		
	Rev. C. L. Wells, D. D.		5		253 68
	By Cash received towards Salary of Third Professor in the Western Theological Seminary during the year, viz.:				
	First	Ref. Ch.	Holland, Mich.	\$35 61	
		"	Muskegon, "	16 10	
	Second	"	"	9 00	
	Third,	"	Holland, "	45	
	Ebenezer	"	"	5 69	
	Hope	"	"	15	
	Fourth	"	"	2	
	Second	"	Grand Rapids, "	46 84	
	Fourth	"	"	10	
	Bethany	"	"	8	
	Seventh	"	"	5	
	Fifth	"	"	5 42	
	First	"	Kalamazoo, "	17 22	
	Third	"	"	5	
		"	Atwood, "	2 24	
		"	Vriesland, "	20 67	
		"	Fremont, "	3 80	
		"	Zeeland, "	40	
		"	Moddersville, "	1	
		"	New Era, "	6 50	
		"	Hamilton, "	5 88	
		"	Overisel, "	35 94	
		"	Beaverdam, "	4	
		"	Grandville, "	5	
		"	Three Oaks, "	4	
		"	Coopersville, "	5 80	
	South Blendon	"	Farrowe, "	5	
		"	South Haven, "	3	
	Second	"	Jamestown, "	3 25	
		"	East Overisel, "	4	
	Eighth	"	Grand Rapids, "	4	
		"	Spring Lake, "	5	
	North Holland	"	New Holland, "	15	
	First	"	Jamestown, "	15	
	Ninth	"	Grand Rapids, "	3 26	
		"	Graafschap, "	5	
	First	"	Grand Haven, "	20	
	Second	"	"	10 67	
	First	"	Grand Rapids, "	10	
	Amount carried forward.....			\$463 89	\$124,158 19

		Cr.			
1899	Amount brought forward.....			\$403 89	\$124,1
April 30	By cash received:				
	First	Ref. Ch.	Orange City, Iowa.	20 25	
		"	Muscatine,	5	
		"	Alton,	25	
		"	Archer,	2 14	
	First	"	Pella,	12	
	Third	"	"	11 25	
		"	Parkersburg, Iowa,	8	
	Free Grace,	"	Middleburg,	5	
		"	Hull,	5	
		"	Newkirk,	8	
		"	Sioux Center,	29	
		"	Carmel,	3 75	
		"	Hospers,	4	
		"	Boyden,	4	
		"	Maurice,	6	
		"	Galesburg,	4	
		"	Le Mars,	3	
		"	Monroe,	5	
	Immanuel,	"	Belmond,	10	
		"	Morrison, Ill.	3 44	
		"	Koster,	2 75	
		"	Fulton,	20	
		"	Fairview,	10	
		"	South Holland,	25	
		"	Lansing,	5	
		"	Danforth,	4	
		"	Raritan,	4	
	First,	"	Chicago,	20	
	First, Roseland,	"	"	20	
	Trinity,	"	"	12	
	Englewood,	"	"	19	
	Irving Park,	"	"	12	
	Ebenezer,	"	Oregon,	4	
	"	"	Morrison,	3	
	Northwestern,	"	Chicago,	4	
		"	Baileyville,	8	
	Bethany, Roseland,	"	Chicago,	12 48	
		"	Forreston,	10	
		"	Waupun, Wis.	8 75	
		"	Randolph Centre,	5	
		"	Franklin,	4	
		"	Oostburg,	10	
	First,	"	Milwaukee,	25	
		"	Alto,	15 37	
		"	Cedar Grove,	17 80	
		"	Gibbsville,	17 11	
	Bethel	Ref. Ch.	Leota, Minn.	3 85	
		"	Greenleafston,	9 70	
		"	Silver Creek,	1 50	
	First	"	Cleveland, Ohio	5	
	Second	"	"	6 65	
		"	Luctor, Kan.	5	
		"	Pella, Neb.	3 12	
		"	Holland,	16	
		"	Firth,	3	
	Van Raalte	"	Thule, So' Dak	2	
	Immanuel	"	Wanari,	3	
		"	Harrison,	5	
		"	De Motte, Ind.	4 80	
		"	South Bend,	5	
		"	Lafayette,	4 50	
		"	Marion, N. Y.	6 70	
		"	Hudson,	25 04	
		"	Sayville,	6 38	
		"	Clymerhill,	4 88	
	Deer Park	"	Port Jervis,	8	
		"	New Paltz,	8	
		"	Kinderhook,	20	
	Second	"	Freehold, N. J.	17 75	
	Bergen	"	Jersey City,	10	
					1,
	Amount carried forward.....				\$125,

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		Cs.	
1898	Amount brought forward		\$125,221 04
April 30	Received Personal contributions during the year, viz:		
	Rev. W. B. Hill, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	\$ 10	
	" C. L. Wells, D. D.	20	
	" J. W. Tu Fank	6	
	Two Friends	10	
	Four Friends, Grand Rapids, Mich.	25	
	Two Friends	10	
			85
	Received for Interest on Bonds and Mortgages and		
	Bonds, etc., during the year, viz:		
	1898.		
	May	\$2,225 40	
	June	2,628 50	
	July	1,125 28	
	August	2,225 00	
	September	2,228 50	
	October	5,273 24	
	November	2,612 50	
	December	2,082 25	
	1899.		
	January	1,651 23	
	February	2,610 28	
	March	2,222 50	
	April	2,225 50	
			25,519 26
			154,220 20
	By balance on hand, carried to new account		\$61,704 65

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

New York, May 1, 1899.

The subscribers having examined the accounts of Frank R. Van Nest, with the vouchers exhibited by him, find them to be correct, leaving a balance of sixty-one thousand, seven hundred and four dollars and eighty-five cents, also Bonds and Mortgages and Bonds, etc., amounting to seven hundred and thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and eight dollars and eighteen cents.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
JOHN J. TUCKER.

New York, May 16, 1899.

Dr. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

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1899	Amount brought forward.....	\$2,425 30
Apr. 30	Apportionment of Treasurer's salary, expenses of room, stationery, postage, etc.....	493 42
	Salaries of the following Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.:	
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	\$2,500
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	1,250
	Rev. James F. Riggs, D.D.....	625
	Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D....	1,250
	Supplies for Chair of the late Prof. Demarest, D.D.....	486
	To Balance.....	6111 1,049 44
		<u>\$10,078 16</u>
1898	By Balance brought from last account.....	1,065 97
May 1	Cash received for contingent expenses.....	1,982 70
1899	" " " Interest.....	7,009 49
Apr. 30		<u>\$10,078 16</u>
May 1	By Balance brought down.....	\$1,049 44

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

New York, May 1, 1899.

1899.

ANNUAL DIGEST.

The Board of Direction submits to General Synod its Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$11,507 50
“ interest on hand April 30, 1899	239 51
	<u> </u>

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$107,981 30
“ of interest from Permanent Contingent Fund.....	12 30
“ Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,597 66
“ Thomas DeWitt Professorship.....	6,015 00
	<u> </u>

ARCOT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$53,689 44
“ in hand uninvested.....	2,926 25
Balance of interest, April 30, 1899	409 36
	<u> </u>

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet, {	\$7,493 36
April 30, 1899. }	
	<u> </u>

CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet, {	\$1,364 70
April 30, 1899. }	
	<u> </u>

THE “ JAMES SUYDAM PROFESSORSHIP ” OF DIDACTIC
AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$60,000 00
“ of interest on hand April 30, 1899.....	677 44
	<u> </u>

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THE "JAMES SUYDAM LEGACY" FOR MAINTENANCE AND
SUPPORT OF JAMES SUYDAM HALL.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$20,000 00
" of interest on hand April 30, 1899	<u>528 57</u>

THE "JAMES SUYDAM LEGACY" FOR REPAIR AND IM-
PROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$20,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	<u>649 45</u>

THE "JAMES SUYDAM FUND" FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVE-
MENT OF PROFESSORIAL DWELLINGS.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$11,134 99
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1899... ..	<u>481 85</u>

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" OF PROFESSOR-
SHIP OF OLD TESTAMENT LANGUAGES AND EXEGESIS.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$50,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	<u>463 71</u>

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" FOR MAINTEN-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$35,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	<u>318 85</u>

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" FOR PURCHASE
OF BOOKS FOR GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet... ..	\$20,000 00
" of interest on hand April 30, 1899... ..	<u>952 46</u>

THE "GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT" FOR MAINTEN-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF P. HERTZOG HALL.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$25,000 00
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	<u>518 31</u>

THE "ANGELINA SILVERNAIL FUND" FOR THE MAINTEN-
ANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$23,027 57
" of interest on hand, April 30, 1899	<u>1,197 55</u>

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

The income of this legacy is to be applied to keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Hall.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$10,000 00
“ of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	235 80
	<u> </u>

THE HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$36,568 90
“ of interest on hand, April 30, 1899	755 66
	<u> </u>

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
IN THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$30,000 00
“ of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	151 22
	<u> </u>

SECOND PROFESSORSHIP IN THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY.

Amount April 30, 1899, specific.....	\$19,004 00
“ “ “ “ general gifts applicable.....	865 10
	<u> </u>

LEGACY OF HIRAM J. MEENK.

Income to be applied to support and education of young men preparing for the ministry in the Western Seminary.

Amount April 30, 1899.....	\$384 00
“ of interest on hand, April 30, 1899....	16 33
	<u> </u>

ABRAHAM J. SWIT'S SCHOLARSHIP IN THE WESTERN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Amount April 30, 1899.....	916 94
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EDUCATION FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.....	\$155,347 48
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	3,562 65
	<u> </u>

AUGUSTUS ELMENDORF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL
FUND.

Legacy of Jane Helen Elmendorf.....	\$2,382 50
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	101 32

JOHN ANTONIDES SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Legacy of John Antonides, on account....	\$9,322 67
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.....	396 60
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WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$106,409 05
" of income paid to annuitants during the year.	8,951 65
" " " on hand, April 30, 1899	2,120 20
Legacy of Sarah Bayly, on account.	375 00
Amount of discount, premium on bonds	90 17

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount invested, as per balance sheet.	\$63,293 13
" of income paid beneficiaries during the year	6,482 50
Balance of income on hand, April 30, 1899.	2,242 59

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Legacy of Rev. John Vanderveer, D.D.	\$950 00
" on account, John Antonides.	1,864 50
Amount from family of the late Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D.	250 00
Balance of income on hand, April 30, 1899.	260 66

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Legacy of Rachel Ann Ryerson	\$2,000 00
" " Rev. John Vanderveer, D.D.	950 00
" " Jane Helen Elmendorf.	953 00
" " on account John Antonides.	1,864 50
Amount from family of the late Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D.	250 00
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1899.	511 91

THE JAMES ANDERSON MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount April 30, 1899	\$564 24
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FUND FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF SYNODICAL DELEGATES

Amount April 30, 1899.	\$5,890 91
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SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

Sundry Amounts transferred to this account.	\$3,760 17
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VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

Ten Bonds (\$1,000 each) Toledo & Wabash R. R. (construction).

No interest paid. Of no value so far as known at present.	\$10,000 00
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DONATION OF COL. HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount held in trust for Rutgers College.	\$5,000 00
Interest due June 20, 1899.	232 97

MARGARET ANTOINETTE THOMPSON FUND.

Income to be applied for poor students preparing for the ministry
R. C. A.

Amount April 30, 1899.....	\$2,000 00
Interest on hand, April 30, 1899	85 08
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THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

As reported by Fred'k Frelinghuysen, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College.

Amount invested on Bond, secured by Mortgage, etc.....	\$19 600 00
" uninvested.....	13 57
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Total amount of Fund.....	\$19.613 57
Amount paid students during the year.....	1,389 50
Balance on hand, principal.....	13 57
" " interest, March 31, 1899.....	247 82

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

As reported by Fred'k Frelinghuysen, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College.

Amount invested on Bond, secured by Mortgage.....	\$2.000 00
" paid students during the year.....	150 00
Balance on hand, interest March 31st, 1899.....	261 93

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AS REPORTED BY
THE STATED CLERK.

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To bill of the Board of Publication for printing minutes, distribution, etc.....	926 57
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By Cash received from Classes for minutes, postage, and expressage, and Cash sales by Board of Publication.	}	\$723 68
Deficiency.....		<u>\$202 89</u>

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ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS
IN THE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES EAST AND WEST.

MAY 1st, 1899.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$ 1,700
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700
Rutgers.....	1,700
Heyer.....	1,700
Cornell.....	2,000
Wyckoff.....	2,500
Margaret Burgess.....	1,700
John Clark..	3,000
James Bogert, Jr.....	2,000
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700
Tannake Turk.....	1,700
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000
Stryker.....	2,000
Hornbeck. Two Scholarships.....	4 000
Freeborn.....	2,000
James Bogert, Jr. Second Scholarship.....	2,000
Cuyler.....	2,000
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Daniel L. Schanck.....	3,000
Moses Cowen.....	2,500
Bequest of Samuel Gates.....	1,745 98
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500
James Suydam. Four Scholarships.....	12,000
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402 64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500
Earnest Blois.....	2,500
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000
Bequest of Ann James.....	2,500
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 81,548 62

Amount brought forward.....		\$81,548 62
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	\$ 7,500	
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000	
Jacob Polhemus.....	2,500	
Abram Storms	2,000	
Gardner A. Sage. Two Scholarships.....	5,000	
Bequest of Maria Van Antwerp. For the James Van Antwerp Scholarship ...	2,522 72	
Bequest of Jane Brinkerhoff.....	5,000	
Bequest of Frederick J. Hosford. For Frederick Hosford Scholarship....	2,500	
Bequest of David A. Jones.....	3,000	
Bequest of Robert Gaston.....	2,000	
Bequest of John Antonides, on account.....	9,322 67	
Bequest of Peter P. Schoonmaker.....	2,850	
Bequest of Sarah Benham.....	7,397 60	
Bequest of James E. Hedges. For James E. Hedges Scholarship.....	2,500	
Bequest of Mary A. Bogardus. For James W. Bogardus Scholarship.....	3,000	
Bequest of Elias J. Hendrickson	10,000	
Bequest of Margaret Antoinette Thompson.....	2,000	
Bequest of Elizabeth H. Monroe. For Monroe Scholarship.....	2,500	
Sarah Suydam Lott, per Peter Lott	3,000	
Legacy of Anthony Rue.....	2,740	82,332 99
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		\$163,881 61
Bequests, etc., for the education of pious young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Theo- logical Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., viz:		
Bequest of John Kline.....	\$500	
Bequest of Nicholas Lansing.....	600	
Bequest of Janet Hinchman... ..	470	
Gain on Sale of Government Bonds.....	468 54	
From family of the late Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D....	250	
Bequest of Sarah V. B. Benham....	500	2,788 54
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		\$166,670 15

FRANK R. VAN NEST,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, MAY 1st, 1899.

JUNE, 1899.

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

MAY 1, 1899.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In accordance with the resolution of the General Synod, I herewith forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1899.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N: J.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$7.500 00
Salaries, etc., of Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.	40 00
Salary, etc., of the Treasurers of General Synod Apportionment.	525 00
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	\$8,065 00
Estimated income for the year.....	7,100 00
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Estimated deficiency.....	965 00 .
By Balance on hand, May 1, 1899.....	\$1,049 44
Including reserve of \$166.67, for salary of Prof. Riggs to June 24, 1898.	

OTHER EXPENSES.

Travelling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	\$800 00
Travelling expenses of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies....	200 00
Salary, etc., of Stated Clerk.....	300 00
Salary, etc., of Permanent Clerk.....	225 00
Travelling expenses of Synod's Members of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary and Hope College Council.....	275 00
<i>Pro rata</i> expenses of Alliance of Reformed Churches.....	180 00
Expenses of meeting of General Synod	100 00
Sundries.....	300 00
Deficiency in receipts for Minutes, 1898	202 89
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	\$3,547 89

FRANK R. VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, MAY 1st, 1899.

JUNE, 1899.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN INDIA.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

PROFESSORSHIPS.

The General Synod.....	\$ 8,027 24	
The Collegiate Church.....	13,109 82	
	<hr/>	\$21,137 06

SCHOLARSHIPS' CHURCH.

Church of Hudson.....	\$ 2,000 00	
Collegiate Church, of Harlem.....	2,001 00	
First Church, Albany.....	400 00	
Madison Ave. Church, Albany.....	2,000 00	
First and Fair Sts. Churches, Kingston.....	782 00	
Clinton Ave. Church, Newark.....	1,255 00	
Flatbush Church.....	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,438 00

SCHOLARSHIPS' INDIVIDUAL.

A Missionary Friend's half..	\$ 1,000 00	
The Family Semelink.....	2,000 00	
Ormiston Memorial.....	2,000 00	
S. Talmage Mather.....	2,000 00	
Greenwood.....	2,000 00	
Donald Memorial.....	2,000 00	
Katharine A. Rockwell.....	2,000 00	
In His Name.....	2,000 00	
Gamaliel G. Smith.....	2,000 00	
Thomas and Sarah A. Jessup.....	2,000 00	
William Brush.....	2,000 00	
The Erskine Memorial.....	2,000 00	\$23,000 00
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Total endowment paid in.....		\$54,575 06
Railroad bonds bought below par. difference....		44 01
Gain on 12 shares Flatbush Gas Light Co. stock.....		58 50
Gain on sale of Brooklyn City R. R. Co. Stocks and Bond.....		1,891 87
Gain on sale of One Bond Cedar Falls and Min- nesota R. R.....		46 25
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		\$56,615 69
Paid assessment 6 per cent. on two Bonds \$1,000 each, St. Joseph and Grand Island R. R....	\$120 00	
Scholarships unpaid.....		2,000 00
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		\$58,615 69

The Fund at the present time amounts to \$56,615 69.

During the year just closed \$2,662.49 have been remitted to the Arcot Mission, amount being interest, etc., received on the invested Fund.

FRANK R. VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, MAY 1, 1899.

JUNE, 1899.

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Dr. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

BALANCE SHEET, May 1st, 1899.

To Bonds and Mortgages and Bonds, etc.....	\$ 787,908 18
Suspense Account.....	8,760 17
Cash in Bank of Metropolis.....	61,704.85
Erection of dwelling for Librarian of G. A. Sage Library.....	2,600 00
Property No. 25 E. 22d St., N. Y.....	68,969 80
Real Estate Account.....	78,615 71
Insurance Account.....	71 88
Real Estate Contingent Expense Account.....	10,787 20
Arcot Theological Seminary Fund, Bonds and Mortgages, etc.....	50,189 44
" " " " Real Estate.....	8,500 00

\$1,018,106 67

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. Cr.

BALANCE SHEET, May 1st, 1899.

By Education Fund.....	\$ 155,847 48
" " Income.....	8,562 65
Parochial School Fund.....	11,747 01
Expense Account or Permanent Seminary Fund.....	144,606 26
Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers	5,222 97
Permanent Contingent Fund.....	7,498 86
Widow's Fund.....	106,788 86
" " Income.....	2,120 20
Disabled Minister's Fund.....	63,228 18
" " Income.....	2,242 59
Vedder Lecture Fund.....	10,000 00
J. Suydam, Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology	60,677 44
" " Fund, for repairs to Professorial Dwellings, special.....	11,616 84
Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, for repairs to P. Hertzog Hall	10,235 80
Foreign Missions, R. C. A.....	8,325 16
Domestic ".....	6,529 41
Hope College Endowment Fund.....	86,568 90
" " Income.....	755 66
Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Western Theologi- cal Seminary.....	80,151 22
Centennial Seminary Fund.....	1,364 70
Aug. Elmendorf Theological Educational Fund.....	2,483 82
Repair Fund Property, 25 E. 22d St.	1,184 76
Expense Account.....	1,049 44
Margaret Antoinette Thompson Fund.....	2,085 08
Jas. Anderson Memorial Fund	564 24
G. A. Sage Fund for maintenance and support of P. Hertzog Hall.....	25,000 00
" " " " " " " " Income	518 81
" " " " " " " " G. A. Sage Library... ..	85,000 00
" " " " " " " " Income	818 85
" " " " " " " " purchase of books for " " "	20,000 00
" " " " " " " " Income	952 46
" " " Professorship of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis... ..	50,463 71
Jas. Suydam Legacy for maintenance and support of J. Suydam Hall..	20,000 00
" " " " " " " Income	528 57
" " " " " " " repairs and improvements to Seminary Build- ings and Grounds.....	20,000 00
Jas. Suydam Legacy for repairs and improvements to Seminary Buildings and Grounds, income.....	649 45
Church Building Fund.....	2,023 07
Second Theological Professorship in the Western Theological Seminary	20,668 17
Abm. J. Swits Scholarship " " " "	916 94
Entertainment Fund.....	5,890 91
Angelina Silvernail Fund.....	24,225 12
J. Antonides Scholarship Fund.....	9,719 27
Bonds and Mortgages Payable.....	40,000 00
Bequest of Hiram J. Meenk	400 83
Endowment Fund for the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N.J.	414 61
Special Fund for expenses of the " " " "	2,109 58
Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.....	56,615 69
" " " Income	409 36
Peter and C. Boyle.. ..	260 27
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	\$1,018,106 67

New York, May 16th, 1899.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON, *President.*

JOHN J. TUCKER,
A. G. VERMILYE,
FRED. FRELINGHUYSEN,

} *Directors.*

FRANK R. VAN NEST, *Treasurer.*

The following report was presented by the Committee on the Board of Direction of the Corporation. It was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report.

The following papers have been referred to them.
viz.,

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Annual account of the Treasurer of General Synod.

Annual Digest.

List of Endowed Scholarship in the Theological Seminaries East and West.

Estimates of Expenses of General Synod for the current year.

Statement of Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary in India.

Balance Sheet.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

List of Securities belonging to the Arcot Theological Seminary Fund.

List of Classes in arrears for contingent Expenses.

Report of the Council of Hope College.

The Board of Direction draws attention to the needs of the "Widows' Fund" and the "Disabled Ministers' Fund." In particular they say. "It is for the Synod, in general Council assembled to consider plans proposed or available for increase in the latter Fund. Evidently it demands the present and constant urgency of Synod." Your committee think that as this matter has the attention of the Church and the Synod through a standing Committee of Synod, it requires no special comment from us except it be to emphasize their words.

The Board of Direction report that the present condition of the Entertainment Fund warrants a smaller assessment for the coming year, than the original basis of assessment, which in 1887 was established at two cents a member. Your committee heartily commends their

suggestion, that the assessment be one and one half cent per member for the year beginning May 1; 1899. They however believe that the original basis should not be disturbed. Therefore no special action, other than that of approval of course suggested, is necessary at this time.

The Committee desire to record its approval of the action of the Board of Direction in the matter of payment of the Salaries of the late Rev. Professor Demarest and the Rev. Professor Lansing.

The committee suggest to the Board that they should submit each year with its report a classified and condensed statement of the expenses of General Synod similar to the one arranged and submitted by the Standing Committee of 1898 and inserted in their report. A single copy for use of Standing Committee would suffice.

The Committee recommend the following action :

1. WHEREAS, The term of office of Frank R. Van Nest, as member of the Board of Direction, expires with the present session of Synod,

Resolved, That Frank R. Van Nest be and he is hereby elected a member of the Board of Direction for the term of five years.

2. WHEREAS, The term of office of William H. Jackson, as President of the Board of Direction, expires with the present session of Synod,

Resolved, That William H. Jackson be and he is hereby elected President of the Board of Direction for the current year.

3. *Resolved*, that Frank R. Van Nest be and he is hereby elected Treasurer of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America for the ensuing year, with the annual salary of \$2,500, payable quarterly upon his executing and delivering to the President of the Board of Direction a bond in the penal sum of \$10,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, in such terms and form as shall be approved by the Board of Direction, and with a surety company as the surety thereon, approved by the said Board.

4. *Resolved*, That the salaries of Professors Wood-

bridge and Gillespie, for the present fiscal year, be at the rate of \$2,500 per annum each, or so much thereof as the invested funds applicable thereto will produce, payable quarterly ; together with a residence.

5. *Resolved*, That the necessary moving expenses of Professor-elect Schenck be paid upon the presentation of such vouchers as may be required by the Board of Direction out of any available funds not otherwise appropriated.

6. *Resolved*, That the deficiency of the revenues to meet the expenses of General Synod for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 1899, which is estimated at the sum of \$2,000, be apportioned upon the several Classes and be collected from them in the usual manner.

7. This committee feels it necessary to repeat the recommendation of the Standing Committee of 1898, where it recommended the strictest limitation in the appointment of delegates to attend meetings of Boards and other bodies, both West and East, and of committees involving expenditures of money ; in order that the assessments upon the Classes may be no larger than is absolutely necessary.

Your committee note that six Classes are in arrears, for the contingent expenses of General Synod, to the amount of \$345.93. One of these owes for the years 1896, 1897, 1898, one for 1897, four for 1898.

General Synod's Committee on Buildings and Grounds in Holland, Mich., have again requested through the report of the Council of Hope College that an appropriation of \$1,000 be made for much needed repairs to both College and Seminary buildings. They state that if work is not done now it will increase the expenses to the Synod in the future.

Your committee fully appreciate the great importance of keeping in repair the property of the Synod, and they think that where a building needs a new roof it should be provided at once. Inasmuch as there does not appear to be sufficient available funds to meet the various repairs and betterments, and as the request of last year was only partially satisfied (only \$250.00 having been

given to both College and Seminary), we recommend that an assessment of \$500.00 be made upon the Classes, and collected from them in the usual way, and that \$250.00 additional be paid out of any available funds not otherwise appropriated.

JOHN S. BUSSING,
JACOB HEES,
DANIEL D. BEEKMAN,
A. J. VAN NUYS,
J. J. JANEWAY.

June 12, 1899.

ARTICLE V.

PROFESSORATE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

The following reports were received from the Boards of Superintendents of the Theological Seminaries, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

The Committee on Synodical Report presented the following, which was accepted and adopted :

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., met in special session at the Reformed Church Building in New York City July 6, 1898.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Milliken, who offered prayer. All the Classes were represented except Albany, Greene, Monmouth, Newark, New Brunswick, Orange and Saratoga. The Particular Synod of Chicago and the Faculty were not represented.

The meeting was called to take such action as might be necessary on account of the death of Prof. David D. Demarest, D.D., LL.D.

Acting according to Art. II., section 7, of the Plan of the Theological Seminary, it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed with power to arrange with the present staff of professors for class-room instruction in Dr. Demarest's department, and to provide such supplementary instruction as the committee shall deem desirable, the entire expense involved not to exceed \$1,000. Rev. J. B. Drury, D.D., Pres. Austin Scott, LL.D., and Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., LL.D., were appointed such committee.

A committee of two was appointed to present a suitable memorial of the character and services of Dr. Demarest and report at this meeting.

Drs. Drury and Coe were appointed and did so report. The memorial was adopted and printed in the *Christian Intelligencer* July 13, 1898.

The minutes were read and approved. The Board adjourned after prayer by Rev. John A. De Baun, D.D.

The Board met for a *second* time in special session in the Reformed Church Building, New York City, on Oct. 13, 1898, Dr. Milliken, President, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. G. Read, D.D. All the Classes were represented except Kingston, Monmouth, Montgomery, Newark, New Brunswick, Rochester, Saratoga, Schenectady and Ulster. The Particular Synods of Albany and Chicago and the Faculty were not represented. The occasion for the meeting was the serious illness of Prof. John G. Lansing, D.D. Prof. J. P. Searle, D.D., of the Faculty was requested to make a statement in regard to Dr. Lansing's condition and also one upon the work which Rev. John H. Raven was carrying on for Dr. Lansing. Then the Committee appointed at the previous special meeting to arrange for Dr. Demarest's department made a report, in which it was shown that because of Dr. Lansing's illness they would be obliged to readjust their provisions, and might possibly need more money. The report was accepted and the recommendation that the Committee be allowed an extra \$200 was adopted. After a full discussion of all matters, it was resolved that the Board of Superintendents acquiesce in the provisional ar-

rangement that has secured the services of Rev. John H. Raven as instructor in Hebrew, and extend to him assurances of their large appreciation of his kindness in this matter.

It was also resolved that in case of the protracted illness of Dr. Lansing the same committee having in charge the vacant chair of Dr. Demarest should be empowered without further action of the Board to secure some competent person to give instruction in Dr. Lansing's department on terms acceptable to said committee and the Board of Direction.

These resolutions were passed. The minutes were read and approved. The Board adjourned after prayer by Rev. W. H. Vroom, D.D.

The Board of Superintendents met in *regular session* in James Suydam Hall, New Brunswick, N. J., May 17, 1899, at 11 A. M. The President, Dr. Milliken, offered prayer. Rev. E. G. Read, D. D., was elected President, and Rev. W. H. S. Demarest Clerk pro tem. All the Classes were represented except Albany, North Long Island, Newark and Rochester. The Faculty was represented by Dr. Woodbridge. The Particular Synod of Chicago was not represented. Vacancies for the full term of five years are to be filled in the Classes of Paramus, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster and Westchester. Also in the Particular Synods of Chicago and New York.

The Faculty presented their annual report of the Seminary for the year ending May 17, 1899, showing an attendance of 38 students. Of these 13 were in the Senior Class, 12 in the Middle Class, 12 in the Junior Class, and one special student.

Senior Class.

Henry Wells Brink,	Chas. Morris Myers,
Willard Conger,	Edward T. F. Randolph,
John Peter Faber,	Wm. Addison Ranney,
Fletcher Van Wie Lehman,	D. Cornelius Ruigh,
Chas. Gilbert Mallery,	George Schnücker,
Edward J. Meeker,	Sheldon Vandeburg,
John Brownlee Voorhees.	

Middle Class.

Peter Bruce,
Clifford Philip Case,
Floris Ferwerda,
Homer McMillan,
Andrew J. Meyer,
James E. Moerdyk,

Archibald Frazer Parker,
Francis Augustus Seibert,
Paul John Strohauer,
Andrew Judson Walter,
A. Livingston Warnshuis,
Gustavus Watermuelder.

Junior Class.

Chas. Fred'k Benjamin, Jr., Howard Rutsen Furbeck,
John Black, George Hunter,
Peter Paul Chef d'Hotel, John Gerardus Meengs,
Edward Dawson, Edward G. W. Meury,
Floyd Decker, Ties Mulder,
Garrett D. L. DeGraff, Octave Van Beverhoudt.

Special Student.

Ernest Ramon Brown.

One student has suspended his work for the present on account of illness, and one has withdrawn. One student has been admitted to full membership in the Middle Class, and one tentatively. Two students have passed the final examination for the degree of B. D. Two other students are now pursuing the course leading to that degree. Seven students have received the degree of B. D. from Rutgers College during the past year. No instruction in music and elocution has been given during the year, owing to the lack of funds. Four lectures on Missions in the Graves' Course have been delivered by the Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., and one by the Rev. William J. Chamberlain. A number of important lectures on practical subjects have been delivered before the Seminary. The Society of Inquiry has conducted a large and vigorous Mission Class, and has purchased a piano for the Chapel. A gift of a number of copies of the "Church Hymnary" has been made to the Chapel through Mr. F. D. Woodruff. The Faculty has cordially thanked Mr. Woodruff for this useful gift.

The *Mid-winter Examinations* were conducted under the Supervision of the Board's Committee. It was decided to make the Mid-winter examination a permanent exercise of the Seminary.

The following were appointed to conduct this examination during the coming winter: Rev. J. B. Dury, D. D., Elder Austin Scott, L.L.D., and Rev. A. D. Campbell. And the same committee was appointed to conduct the B. D. examinations.

The Committee on Written Examinations reported that the papers submitted by the various Classes were nearly all good, while some were of special merit and deserved the highest praise for the scholarship exhibited. All were deemed sufficient, and all the students of the Junior and Middle Classes were recommended for advancement, and all the Senior for professorial certificates. The several committees on Oral examinations heartily concurred in this action.

The members of the Senior Class were heard in the delivery of sermons, and were examined on personal piety and their views in entering the Ministry. All the Students were invited to meet the Board and the President announced the results of the examination and exhorted them to be conscientious and manly.

The following were appointed the Committee on Written Examinations for the year 1900.

Primarii.

Rev. P. H. Milliken D. D.,
 " H. C. Berg, D. D.
 " W. H. S. Demarest,
 " Garrett Wyckoff,
 " E. G. Selden, D. D.,
 " Geo. D. Hulst, Ph. D.,

Secundi

Rev. Cornelius Schenck,
 " Chas. S. Wright,
 " Jos. A. Harper,
 " T. J. Kommers,
 " C. L. Lasher,
 " R. A. Pearse.

It was decided that provision should be made for instruction in elocution and music during the coming year, and that the examination papers, at least for the departments of Greek and Hebrew, should be printed.

The Faculty reported the death of Dr. Demarest on June 21, 1898, and the minute of respect which they had

passed. The Board adopted the same as their expression of feeling, touching this sad affliction, to wit:

"The members of the Board of Superintendents desire to express our profound sense of loss in the removal by death of our beloved Colleague, Professor David D. Demarest. He will ever live in our memory and heart as the genial friend, the wise Counsellor, the sound theologian, the accomplished and faithful professor, the loyal son of the Church which honored him, and above all as the sanctified Christian. And our prayer is that the Great Head of the Church may Himself comfort the afflicted household with the comfort of God."

The Faculty also reported the withdrawal from service in the Seminary of Rev. Professor John G. Lansing, D.D., on Dec. 1, 1898. The Board expressed its entire satisfaction with the arrangements made for the temporary supply of the vacancies caused by the death of Dr. Demarest and the withdrawal of Dr. Lansing.

The Board recommends to General Synod that advantage be taken of the vacancy in the department of Practical Theology to change the title of the Chair so that it shall correspond with the title of the department as contained in the Plan of the Theological Seminary adopted by Synod in 1888 and with the accepted terminology of modern Theological Encyclopedia, viz., from Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric to Practical Theology.

The following action was adopted by the Board in regard to two overtures that will come before General Synod, concerning the condition of the Seminary on the Educational side of its life. The first one is that in view of our financial situation, the department of Practical Theology shall be administered during the coming year as it has been in the year just closing. This has the merit of being practicable, for it proposes to divide the work of the easiest of all our departments for men who have been pastors to teach among *four* men, and will threaten us with the loss of comparatively few students.

The other is in effect to consolidate for some undesignated time, the two departments of Old and New

Testament study. Aside from the legal and moral difficulties in the way, in our certain knowledge of the facts, this is absolutely impracticable and impossible.

It proposes to lay *all* the burden of the two most difficult departments of our work in this day of critical activity and controversy upon *one* man, who has just taken up the work of a seminary professor. Neither of these plans offers the promise of relief for imperative difficulties pressing upon the Seminary upon its property side. Neither is necessary for our relief, as far as the educational side is concerned; for if the work of Synod's Special Committee on Seminary Finances is not hindered, as it must inevitably be by adopting the suggestion of these overtures, that Committee will be able to supply, through the willing gifts of the churches, every deficiency from which we have been suffering. Both these plans are injurious, for the latter one will drive our best students from us, and will prevent perhaps all accessions.

One hundred and sixty-five hours of direct biblical study, at the least, must be cut off,—a loss which money cannot measure.

Both are injurious, for if the professors here are to do any original work, more instructors rather than fewer are required. We cannot believe, that, with growth going on in every other Eastern Seminary, with our churches greatly increased wealth, with the multiplying evidences of willingness to come to our help shown by churches, individual laymen, and ministers, General Synod will lend the least countenance to propositions which mean a long backward stride toward inefficiency and death.

The Board of Superintendents would plead with Synod instead of adopting the suggestions in these overtures, to plan for advance, and larger advance toward a fuller, *longer* course of study, for completion of the splendid but partial facilities we now have for post-graduate work, for additional workers, and the adequate support of every department of the Seminary's life, all of which can be secured with far less effort and sacrifice on the part of the Church to-day than were necessary when the foundations on which we rest were laid by the fathers

who have entrusted us here with a magnificent heritage and example.

The Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property presented their report, which is herewith transmitted to General Synod.

The Special Committee on filling vacancies reported that the class-room work in Practical Theology had been assumed by Profs. Woodbridge, Searle and Gillespie, and that a course of lectures had been given in addition by ministers recognized as specialists in pastoral work. Dr. J. Elmendorf on Pastoral Theology, Dr. E. B. Coe on "The Literary Training of the Preacher," Dr. D. J. Burrell on "The Preparation and Delivery of the Sermon," Dr. E. A. Collier on "The Song Service and Hymnology," Dr. M. H. Hutton on "Liturgics," Dr. F. S. Schenck on "Catechetics," Dr. Kittredge on "The Prayer-meeting," Dr. A. G. Vermilye on "The Constitution of the Reformed Church."

These professors and lecturers received the special thanks of the Board.

The resignation of Dr. Lansing brought additional labor to this committee, but they were able to induce the Rev. John H. Raven to continue as instructor in Hebrew to the end of the year, and he did so to the entire satisfaction of the committee and students. The thanks of the Board were extended to Brother Raven for his faithful and efficient work.

A vote of thanks was given to the Committee on Vacant Professorships for the very efficient manner in which they had performed their peculiar duties.

The Board expressed its gratification at the earnest and successful work done by the students in competing for a prize offered by Prof. Gillespie for the best Exegesis on the Epistle to Philemon.

The competition was keen and the papers submitted were of a very high order. The prize was awarded to Ties Mulder, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Faculty met the Board on Thursday, and spoke a few words in the interests of the Seminary.

Rev. E. G. Read, D.D., was chosen to deliver the

annual address to the Graduating Class in May, 1900, with Rev. Oliver H. Walser as Secundus.

The closing exercises were held Thursday evening, May 18th, in the Second Reformed Church. Addresses were delivered by John Brownlee Voorhees, New Brunswick, N. J.; Henry Wells Brink, Kingston, N. Y., and Willard Conger, New Brunswick, N. J. Prof. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., LL.D., presented the Professorial Certificates, and the address on behalf of the Board was made by Rev. P. H. Milliken, D.D.

The Board desires General Synod to allow them to meet at any hour that is convenient instead of 11 A. M., as set down in the Plan of the Seminary.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Board adjourned after prayer by Rev. F. V. Van Vranken.

A. J. SEBRING,
GARRETT WYCKOFF,
C. P. DITMARS,
Committee.

Attest :

P. T. POCKMAN,
Stated Clerk.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS
OF THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the General Synod, R. C. A.

The Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary met in Semelink Family Hall on Tuesday, April 25th, and was organized by the election of the Rev. A. Buursma as President, and of the Rev. A. Paige Peeke as Temporary Clerk.

I. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ex-Officio, G. J. Kollen, LL. D., President of Hope College, and Prof. J. W. Beardslee, D.D., President of the Theological Faculty.

From the Synod of New York, Rev. F. S. Schenck, D.D.

“ “ New Brunswick, Rev. A. Paige Peeke.

“ “ Albany, Rev. E. A. Collier, D.D.

“ “ Chicago, Rev. A. Buursma,
Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D.
Elder J. H. Nichols.

From the Classis of Grand River, Rev. D. Broek.

“ “ Holland, Rev. A. Vanden Berg.

“ “ Illinois, Rev. P. F. Schuelke.

“ “ Iowa, Rev. J. F. Zwemer.

“ “ Michigan, Rev. Geo. Z. Collier.

“ “ Pleasant Prairie, Rev. John Mueller.

“ “ Wisconsin, Rev. John Broek.

II. REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty presented their annual report to the Board, from which it appears that the following twenty-two students have been in attendance.

Senior Class.

Edward Kelder,
J. William Kots,

Frederic Lubbers,
John G. Theilken.

Middle Class.

Eerko Aeilts,
Nicholas Boer,
Jacob Brummel,
George E. Cook,
B. De Jonge,
John De Jongh,

Gerrit J. Huizinga,
Gerrit Kooiker,
Tony Rozendal,
Henry P. Schuurmans,
Jacob Van der Meulen,
Henry L. Jonker,
B. D. Dykstra.

Junior Class.

John J. Banninga,
Abraham Klerk,

Anthony Van der Werf,
Jurry E. Winter,
Cornelius Kuyper.

The Faculty testified to the exemplary conduct of the students, and to their diligence and fidelity in the prosecution of their studies.

III. EXAMINATION.

Both written and oral examinations were conducted in the presence of the Board, and were sustained.

The Seniors were heard in preaching, and were duly examined as to their personal piety and their views in seeking the ministry.

The other classes submitted written sermons for examination. It was

Resolved, That the members of the Senior Class be recommended for Professorial certificates, and that the Middle and Junior Classes be advanced in course.

This action was announced to the students by the President with appropriate words of congratulation and counsel.

IV. LECTURES.

During the year special lectures were given by the Revs. John Van der Meulen, D.D., G. De Jonge, G. H. Dubbink, J. W. Brooks, Ph.D.

These lectures were of much interest and value.

Prof. J. T. Bergen, of Hope College, has again placed our Seminary under great obligation by his gratuitous instruction in elocution.

V. LIBRARY.

The reception of the library of the late Rev. J. T. Demarest was acknowledged with high appreciation, and the Secretary of the Faculty was authorized to have the Greek New Testaments rebound.

VI. FINANCIAL.

On the recommendation of a Committee of the Board the following action was taken.

In obedience to the direction of the General Synod at its meeting in June 1898, the Board respectfully makes the following statement concerning the needs of the Western Seminary.

There is an endowment of \$30,000 for the Chair of Theology, fully paid.

There is an endowment of \$20,000 for the Chair of Languages, also fully paid.

There is also a \$5,000 pledged general endowment.

Eleven years ago, when the Chair of Languages was established, it was expected that it would be fully endowed within five years. For all these years the Professor in that department has labored at a reduced salary and this salary has been largely paid irregularly and from yearly contributions of the churches.

In 1894 the third professorship was established upon pledges of yearly contributions from churches for five years, with the expectation, that it would be fully endowed within that time. This has not been done.

By the benevolence of Mr. Peter Semelink a finely appointed building has been erected for the use of the Seminary, and in this building a library has been gathered from friends of the Seminary. But no provision is made from any endowment funds for the care of this building, for the growth of this library, nor for any of the running expenses of the Seminary.

For the three professorships, for the care of the property, and for all incidental expenses the \$55,000 endowment is utterly inadequate.

Great credit should be given to those churches and individuals, largely in the West, who have so liberally supplemented this scanty endowment by their steady gifts. It shows a loyalty to the church and an estimation of the value of an educated ministry, which is beyond praise. It may be questioned if any denomination other than our own Dutch Church could have maintained a Theological Seminary in this way.

Great credit should also be given to Rev. J. F. Zwemer, who for these many years has been the agent of this Board, and who has enthusiastically and perseveringly labored in organizing and developing this liberal spirit, and in collecting and paying over these supplemental funds, and has taken all this labor and worry and grave responsibility, keeping good faith and courage through all these years, without a single cent of compensation. The present support of the Seminary rests upon

this supplemental aid from this liberal spirit of the Church in the West, and upon these gratuitous labors of our agent, and there is a fair prospect of sufficient pledges being secured for the three years mentioned in the last action of General Synod. But the pressing need of an additional endowment of at least \$50,000 is manifest, and the interest of the Church in the Seminary promises that it may be raised.

In further obedience to the direction of General Synod the Board presents the following :

PLAN FOR RAISING THIS ADDITIONAL ENDOWMENT.

1. That the Synod appoint Rev. J. F. Zwemer, its agent, to secure an endowment of at least \$50,000 for our Western Seminary.

2. That the endowment of each chair shall be \$30,000, and the remainder shall be for the incidental expenses.

3. That Rev. J. F. Zwemer be directed to secure two-thirds of this amount from the Church in the West before making an appeal to the Eastern part of the Church.

4. That a committee be appointed, consisting of Revs. A. Buursma, J. W. Beardslee, D. D., A. Vanden Berg and President Kollen, to fix the salary of Mr. Zwemer, and to have a general oversight of the work, and if possible to accomplish it in one year.

This plan contemplates not only the need of our Western Seminary, but also to avoid any hindrance of the effort now being made to increase the endowment of our Eastern Seminary at New Brunswick.

The usual annual appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Seminary is again needed and asked.

VII. COMMENCEMENT.

The closing exercises were held in Hope Church on Wednesday evening. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Edward Kelder and Frederic Lubbers, of the Graduating Class.

The speaker in behalf of the Board was the Rev. A. Vanden Berg.

The professorial certificates were presented by Prof. H. E. Dosker, with suitable parting words.

The Rev. George Z. Collier was appointed to address the students as the representative of the Board next year, with President Kollen as his secundus.

VIII. VACANCIES.

Vacancies in the Board for the full term of five years are to be filled by the Synod for the Classes of Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, and also for the Particular Synods of Albany and Chicago; in the latter two for full term and one for an unexpired term ending A. D. 1902.

Adjournment.

The minutes were read and approved, and after prayer the Board adjourned April 26.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
JOHN BROEK,
JOHN MÜLLER,

Committee.

Attest :

P. MOERDYKE,

Stated Clerk.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PALMANER, INDIA.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary in the Arcot Mission met twice during 1898. The first meeting was for the reception of students, and was held in Vellore, February 19th, 1898.

The second meeting was held at Palmaner on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20th and 21st, for the annual examination of the students. The examination commenced at 8 A. M. of Tuesday and continued until 5 P. M. of Wednesday.

The SENIOR CLASS, consisting of Edward Bedford, John Kay Nathaniel, D. Lazarus, Joseph Paul Bailey and A. Isaac, were examined in

Systematic Theology.
 Pastoral Theology.
 Church Government.
 Romans, Exposition.
 Heidelberg Catechism.
 Moral Philosophy.
 Test of Religions.
 Sanskrit, Mata Pariksha.
 Telugu Grammar.
 Telugu Reading.

The UPPER MIDDLE CLASS, consisting of Moses Joshua, C. Iyakan, Asirvadam Joseph and P. Kadirivelu, were examined in

Systematic Theology, Part II.
 Romans, Exposition, Part II.
 Pastoral Theology, Part II.
 Church Government, Part I.
 Church History, Centuries 18-19.
 Heidelberg Catechism, Part III.
 Homiletics, Part III.
 Moral Philosophy, Part I.
 Test of Religions, Part II.
 Sanskrit and Telugu.

The JUNIOR CLASS, consisting of one Sourimuttu Sigamani, was examined in

Systematic Theology.
 Natural Theology, Part I.
 Paley's Evidences, Part I.
 Heidelberg Catechism, Part I.
 Kurtz Sacred History.
 Sanskrit and Telugu.

The SECOND YEAR LAY CLASS, consisting of P. M. Isaiah, P. Manikam and P. I. Joseph of the Arcot Mission, and Jeremiah Paul, David R. William, John C. Pakyana-

an, Samuel T. Sathanandham, M. S. Solomon, M. P. muel and C. Isaiah Gurubantham, of the Free Church Scotland Mission, were examined in

Theology, Brief Course.

Natural Theology, Part II.

Evidences of Christianity, Part II.

Heidelberg Catechism, Part II.

Sacred History.

Church History.

Homiletics, Part II.

Telugu.

The ONE YEAR LAY CLASS, consisting of T. S. Eben-
er. J. Joseph, P. M. Ratnam and L. Balasundram, were
amined in

Evidences of Christianity.

Natural Theology.

Didactic Theology, Brief Course.

Homiletics, Brief Course.

Sacred History.

Church History, Brief Course.

Heidelberg Catechism.

Telugu.

The BIBLE WOMAN'S CLASS OF TWELVE, taught by Miss
C. Scudder, were examined in

Old Testament, I and II Kings, I and II Chron., with
list of Kings, their character and reign.

New Testament, Divinity of Christ, His birth, time,
place, circumstances ; state of the world, religious,
moral, intellectual, political ; Roman Empire,
Sects of the Jews, Herod the Great, John the Bap-
tist, the Four Evangelists, and Harmony of the
Four Gospels.

This being the first year under the new Assistant
eachers, Mr. Edward Savarirayan and Rev. Erskine
avamani, the Board was much gratified at the uniform
excellence of the examination.

At the conclusion of the examinations the Board met

by themselves. The examinations were all declared well sustained, and certificates voted accordingly.

At 5 P. M. the closing exercises were held in the Hall, their friends as well as students and teachers being present. The results of the examinations were announced. The Professor of Theology, Rev. Dr. J. W. Scudder, presented the Professorial Certificates to the Graduating Class, and Rev. J. H. Wyckoff gave the address on behalf of the Board. The members of the Upper Middle and Junior Classes were advanced to the next grade.

The members of the Two Years Lay Class, seven of whom are from the Free Church of Scotland, were granted graduation certificates, as also the members of the one years course. Miss J. C. Scudder presented Graduation Certificates to five of the Bible Women's Class for their four years course and to one for a three years course, and the other six of her class were continued for a further course.

The Board were much pleased to see the first half of Dr. J. W. Scudder's Tamil Lectures on Theology, as delivered during the past four years, printed and on the table for use, and rejoice that the whole work is (D. V.) to be completed and published during the early part of the coming year. This will be an inestimable boon to our own students, and to all others who wish, for use in Tamil, a staunch and vigorous system of Didactic Theology.

The Board were glad to learn that the Madras Free Church Mission propose to send thirteen candidates for admission into our Theological Seminary the coming year, some of them for the full four years course. We are glad thus to receive from sister Missions students to be taught with our own, involving no additional expense in our teaching staff, and giving the stimulus of numbers to our own students.

Twenty-five students, Full course, Lay course, and Bible Woman's course, have gone forth this year to enter upon the work for which they have been educated. They go with our best wishes for their success.

The concluding brief address was given by the

Chairman of the Board, Rev. John Scudder, D. D., and the Board adjourned to meet in Ranipettai on January 16th, for the examination of candidates for admission to the Seminary.

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN,
Stated Clerk.

MADANAPALLE, INDIA, December 24, 1898.

The Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries presented a partial report. It was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries, hoping to facilitate the business of Synod, beg leave to present a partial report.

Having been notified by the retiring President, the Rev. Edward B. Coe, of the two existing vacancies in the faculty of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, we make record with profound sorrow,

First, Concerning the death of the venerable and beloved Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Seminary in New Brunswick, the Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., LL. D.

Dr. Demarest, after serving the Church with unceasing fidelity from the day of his ordination to the ministry of the Gospel, and filling his theological chair with greatest acceptance and usefulness for thirty-three years, died in the midst of his activities June 20th, 1898.

We would express in behalf of the Synod first of all our gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that He raised up, qualified and gave to us a man so worthily fitted for the great work of training young men for the greatest responsibility God lays upon His earthly servants, and for so many years allowed him to exercise his high and holy office in our behalf.

And, while we leave more extended account of what he was and what he did in his many spheres of most honorable usefulness to the Committee on Necrology, we would now and here record our highest appreciation of the genial, faithful, able Professor who has left his lasting impress upon the intellects, hearts and lives of the

successive generations of the students to whom he was so endeared and through them upon generations yet to come.

Second. *Resolved*, That while we recognize the great ability of the Rev. Prof. John G. Lansing, and are well aware of his peculiar fitness for the duties of the chair which he has occupied for the past fifteen years, we are nevertheless constrained, in view of his protracted illness and present inability, to accept officially his resignation as tendered, and dating from Nov. 17th, 1898.

The Stated Clerk has notified the several Classes of their right to make nominations for the two professorships at New Brunswick. The returns are as follows :

FOR PROFESSOR OF PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND SACRED
RHETORIC.

Rev. Dennis Wortman, D.D.—Classes of Montgomery, Ulster, Saratoga, Schenectady, Hudson and Albany.

Rev. F. S. Schenck, D.D.—Classes of Passaic, Holland, Orange, Raritan, New York.

Rev. M. H. Hutton, D.D.—Classes of Bergen and Illinois.

Rev. Isaac W. Gowen—Classes of North Long Island and Rensselaer.

Rev. Ame Vennema—Classis of Paramus.

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest—Classis of Greene.

Rev. John G. Fagg—Classis of South Long Island.

Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D.—South Classis of Bergen.

Rev. John W. Conklin—Classis of Arcot.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D.D.—Classis of Kingston.

Rev. Wm. Bancroft Hill—Classis of Westchester.

Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D.—Classis of New Brunswick.

FOR PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT LANGUAGES AND EXE-
GESIS.

Rev. John H. Raven—Classes of Paramus, Michigan, Montgomery, Bergen, Saratoga, New Brunswick, Raritan, New York and South Long Island.

Rev. J. F. Berg—Classes of Orange, Kingston and South Bergen.

Rev. Abel H. Huizinga, Ph. D.—Classes of Westchester and Holland.

Rev. Eugene E. Thomas—Classes of Rensselaer and Illinois.

Rev. J. F. McCurdy, D.D.—Classis of Hudson.

Rev. John Baumeister—North Classis of Long Island.

Rev. W. A. Shaw—Classis of Ulster.

Rev. John G. Fagg—Classis of Albany.

We move that all these be declared in nomination.

Moreover, since the General Synod is given the right to nominate not more than three candidates for each chair of theology to be filled ; and, since the desire has been freely expressed to avail of this constitutional privilege, the committee recommend the adoption of the following:

First. *Resolved*, the General Synod, in the exercise of its constitutional right, proceed at four o'clock on Thursday afternoon to nominate three candidates for the chair of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric in the Seminary at New Brunswick, and three candidates also for the chair of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis in the same institution.

Second. *Resolved*, in the choice of these candidates, to observe the following method, *viz*: to ballot three times for each proposed professorate, the person standing highest on each ballot to be a nominee of Synod.

Third. *Resolved*, on Friday, at ten o'clock in the morning, the Synod proceed to the election of a professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric in the Seminary at New Brunswick, and also a professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis in the same institution—the election to be in the order named, and in the manner prescribed by the constitution.

The following action was taken by the Synod :

WHEREAS. The nominations made by the Classes of Grand River, Philadelphia and Poughkeepsie to the chairs of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, and of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric have not been officially reported to the General Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That the delegates from the above named Classes be allowed to present to the Synod a certified

statement of the names of the nominees of these Classes for the vacant Professorships.

The delegates from the Classis of Poughkeepsie certified that Rev. Abel H. Huizinga, Ph.D. had been nominated for Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis, and that the Professorate of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric be filled by supplies for the coming year.

The delegates from the Classis of Philadelphia certified to the nomination of Rev. J. F. Berg, Ph. D. for Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis, and Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph. D., for Professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

The delegates from the Classis of Grand River certified to the nomination of Rev. J. G. Fagg for Professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, and Rev. C. D. Hartranft, D.D., for Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis.

Resolved, That in the nomination of Professors any name may be presented, whether already presented by any Classis or not.

Revs. H. Lockwood and Charles Park were appointed Tellers.

Prayer having been offered, Synod proceeded to ballot for nominees for the vacant Professorships. The following were nominated: For Professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, Revs. F. S. Schenck, D.D., Denis Wortman, D.D., and P. H. Milliken, Ph. D. For Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis, Revs. C. D. Hartranft, D.D., John H. Raven and J. F. Berg, Ph. D.

Prayer having been offered, Synod proceeded to ballot for Professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric. Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D., of New York City was chosen. The Stated Clerk notified Dr. Schenck by telegraph of the action of Synod. Dr. Schenck replied that he would attend the meeting of Synod on Tuesday.

On Tuesday afternoon the President read to Dr. Schenck his commission which was signed in the presence of Synod. Dr. Schenck accepted the Professorship and addressed the Synod.

After prayer the Synod proceeded to ballot for Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis.

The President decided that all ballots cast must be counted in the aggregate, and that if a voter casts a blank ballot, he must write Blank on it.

Rev. John H. Raven, of Metuchen, N. J., was chosen Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. The Stated Clerk sent a telegram to the Professor-elect informing him of the decision of the General Synod. The following reply was received by telegraph: "In the name of the Lord and with the help of the Church, I will undertake the work."

On Wednesday afternoon Rev. John H. Raven was introduced to the Synod by Revs. W. S. Cranmer and Isaac P. Brokaw, members of the Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries. The President read the commission, which had been signed in the presence of the Synod, to the Professor-elect, who accepted the position to which he had been chosen, and briefly addressed the Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized in behalf of the General Synod to receive the certificates of dismissal from the Classes to which the Professors-elect belong, and that such reception completes the relation of these Professors-elect, preparatory to their installation.

The Committee on the Professorate and Theological Seminaries presented the remainder of their report. It was accepted, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

The Rev. F. S. Schenck and the Rev. John H. Raven having been duly elected to fill the vacant professorships in the Seminary at New Brunswick, and having signified their acceptance of the same, we recommend as follows: That on Tuesday, the 26th day of September, at half-past two in the afternoon, the installation services of the professors-elect be held in the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick; that the President of the General Synod preside, read the form, and preach the sermon; that the Rev. John A. DeBaun deliver a joint charge to the new professors, and that each of the newly installed in-

cumbents deliver an Inaugural address ; and further, that the pastor of the church, the Rev. P. T. Pockman, together with Elder J. J. Janeway be a committee to arrange the services. We recommend also that the salaries of the professor of Practical Theology be fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars, with the use of a professorial residence, and that the salary of the professor of O. T. Languages and Literature shall be, according to precedent, the income of the endowment of the chair, with the use of a professorial residence, his salary to be increased to at least \$2,500, as soon as the funds of the Synod shall permit. The moving expenses of these professors are to be paid by the Board of Direction.

Your Committee would further report that, in addition to the documents involved in that part of the report already offered and adopted, there have been referred to them the following papers :

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.
2. The Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary. To these has been added the Annual Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary in the Arcot Mission, India.
3. The Thirtieth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property.
4. Certain balance sheets, submitted by Treasurer Frank R. Van Nest, concerning the salaries of the Second and Third Professors in the Western Theological Seminary, and the Endowment of the Second Professorship in the same institution.
5. An Overture from the Classis of Paramus for the Consolidation of the Exegetical Professorships at New Brunswick, until such times as funds may be secured to pay full salaries to the occupants of the chairs.
6. An Overture from the Classis of Montgomery, asking for a change in the method of electing professors.
7. An Overture from the Classis of New Brunswick asking, 1st, That the salaries of the professors at New Brunswick be equalized by increasing the endowment of

each of the chairs to \$63,000 ; 2d, That immediate and continued effort be made to raise \$63,000 for the endowment of the fifth professorship ; 3d, That a committee be appointed to devise and report a change in the method of electing professors.

8. Nominations by Classes and Synods for the vacancies existing in the Boards of Superintendents.

9. A certificate dismissing the Rev. John H. Gillespie from the Classis of Michigan to the General Synod.

10. Certain applications for dispensations.

Taking up these papers in the order named, the committee would call attention, 1st, To the educational work accomplished in our theological seminaries during the year now past. In general the conditions have been untoward. Lack of men and lack of means have brought us face to face with unusual difficulty, and threatened at times to hinder if not to imperil our work. In the East the absence, throughout the year, of two of the five professors has undoubtedly been felt ; while in both West and East the need for larger endowment is more evident and more imperative.

Nevertheless, the full measure of work seems to have been accomplished—a work the more creditable and remarkable in view of the difficulty with which it has been attended. The total number of those who have been trained in our schools is not appreciably less ; all the students of all the classes have passed their examinations ; the graduates are of the same number precisely as those of the year preceding, nor is there any evidence of inferior attainment ; and, best of all, there is no tone of discouragement whatever among those who have managed the affairs of the seminaries—only faith, and hope, and love ; faith in the purposes of God, wise and good, and in the fidelity of his people to their duty ; hopeful planning for the days to come and for a higher quality of service ; deepening love for the brethren everywhere, though claims may seem to clash, and rival interests develop. We cannot too appreciatively speak of the men who have so loyally labored for these schools where the sons of the Church are trained for the Gospel ministry, nor can we

too warmly commend these schools to the loving care of the Church, nor can we too thankfully praise our God for His blessings yet continued.

In New Brunswick 38 students have been in attendance ; in the Western Theological Seminary 22 ; in the seminary of the Arcot Mission 10—or, if we include the lay class, 24—making a total of 84 in all. Of the 14 students in the lay class, 7 are from our own mission, and 7 from the sister mission of the Free Church of Scotland, whose continued recognition of our superior facilities for theological instruction is not only flattering, but deeply significant as pointing toward that ultimate union of forces in the foreign field, concerning which our Synod years ago made a wise deliverance, and for the advancement of which the Pan-Presbyterian Council in part exists. Significant also is the stimulating fact that we have now, for the first time, in the staff of native teachers in this same theological seminary, *a graduate of the seminary itself*.

As the Synod is well aware, the work of Dr. Demarest's department in the Seminary at New Brunswick has been performed by the members of the faculty, with the help of several specially qualified ministers of our Church in a course of supplemental lectures. Instruction in Hebrew also has been given by the Rev. John H. Raven, whose response to the call of the Board in its dilemma is highly creditable, and whose work receives and deserves the commendation of those whom he has served. These arrangements, however, have been merely provisional, necessitated by the exigencies of the situation. And however happily they may have been effected, and with whatever of economy concluded, it has never been the purpose of the Board to have them continued. Indeed the strongest part of the report is that which urges their abolition. The prospect of conflicting and complicated overtures ; uncertainty as to the issue, in the event of their discussion on the floor of Synod ; fear of a backward step in the direction of curtailment and inefficiency—these and other considerations have called forth a vigorous argument and a stirring appeal, which, under other

circumstances, should have been incorporated in this report, but which the action of General Synod in electing two regular professors has rendered quite unnecessary. It is gratifying to note that the students will probably be given the benefit of instruction in music and elocution during the coming year, and that such other improvements are in contemplation as the funds may permit. The Board recommends: 1st, That advantage be taken of the present vacancy in the department of Practical Theology, to change the title of the chair so that it shall correspond with the title of the department as contained in the Plan of the Theological Seminary adopted by Synod in 1888, and with the accepted terminology of modern Theological Encyclopedia, viz.: from Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric to Practical Theology; 2d, That the meetings of the Board may be held at any hour convenient to them, instead of at the hour of eleven in the morning, as prescribed in the Plan of the Seminary.

We recommend that these changes be authorized.

Finally: In any form of education, but especially in theological education we know that teachers are worth more than appliances, that character is better than endowment, and that the man behind the book is what makes the book effective. But we know also that a good man behind a good gun is better than a good man behind a poor gun. Let us give to good men good appliances! Let us add to the smooth-bore battery at New Brunswick all the breech-loading, rapid-fire, turret-protected guns they can handle. The expense? Yes, but think of the execution.

Resolved, The effort now being made to increase the Seminary endowment should engage the prayerful attention and active co-operation of every pastor, consistory and church of the denomination.

Resolved, We re-affirm the resolutions of Synod's Special Committee on Finances, adopted so heartily on the second day of the session.

Concerning the affairs of the Western Theological Seminary the committee reports, on behalf of its Western section.

Regarding the Western Theological Seminary, your Committee finds that the report of the Board of Superintendents of this institution set forth a very clear statement of the condition, prosperity and wants. As to the work of the last year, so full of encouragement, that has already partly been referred to in another part of this report. And seeing the report of the Board will undoubtedly be printed in the Minutes as a whole, it will not be necessary here to make mention of more than that which requires the action of this Synod.

Though the number of students in this one school of the prophets is increasing, and the work being done meets with the highest approval of the Board and all concerned, still the institution is yet lacking such a financial basis as is necessary to secure its permanent success. As it is, but one of the three chairs is fully and one other about two-thirds endowed. The salary of the third chair, and what is wanting for the second is almost entirely dependent upon contributions of the Western Churches. From the report of the Treasurer of the General Synod we learn that these salaries, which are \$1,200 per annum, and for which pledges had been given by the churches for the term of five years, have been paid in full, lacking about \$200 to Prof. H. E. Dosker, which yet required amount Synod's Agent, Rev. J. F. Zwemer, is trying to secure.

It is evident that the professors filling these two chairs, have now, for a number of years, served the Church with considerable discomfort and even sacrifice. Not only have they all their time served at reduced salaries, but their payment has necessarily also been irregular. Indeed the disparity between their remuneration and that of those serving in our Eastern institutions is altogether too great. And that this condition of things has already continued much longer than was anticipated by Synod, is evident from reiterated expressions of previous sessions of this body.

The facts plainly set forth in the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Seminary, accordingly contain an earnest appeal for help. And not only that, but it also clearly points out, as it seems to us, the way

of relief; and in such a manner, that it does not necessarily hinder the prosecution of any other financial work. The plan as suggested proposes to put the chief burden upon the shoulders of the Western churches. And it is only after that part has been secured that a call will be made upon the Eastern churches. It would, therefore, seem perfectly safe for this Synod to endorse the proposed plan.

Besides that, the request to place this Seminary on a more solid financial basis, is in full accord with resolutions of General Synod of last year. These resolutions (see Minutes of General Synod of '98, pages 82-88) even contemplate some action by their body for the increase of its endowment. Your Committee have, therefore, concluded substantially to incorporate in their report the resolutions proposed by the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, and would hereby recommend their adoption.

Resolved, 1. That General Synod appoint Rev. J. F. Zwemer its agent to secure an additional endowment of at least \$50,000 for the Western Seminary.

2. That the endowment of each chair shall be \$30,000, and the remainder shall be for incidental expenses.

3. That Rev. J. F. Zwemer be directed to secure two-thirds of this amount from the churches in the West, before making an appeal to the Eastern part of the Church.

4. That a committee be appointed, consisting of Revs. A. Buursma, J. W. Beardslee, D.D., A. Van den Berg and President G. J. Kollen, to fix the salary of Mr. Zwemer, and to have a general oversight of the work, and that it be accomplished as soon as possible; also that the agent report to the next General Synod the progress of this work committed to his charge.

Your Committee would also recommend that the annual appropriation of \$150 for the contingent expenses of the Seminary be again granted.

The annual report of the standing committee on the seminary grounds and property.

The points in this which require the special notice of this Synod are

First, the pressing need of additional funds for imperative necessities. We are glad to learn that certain heretofore perplexing requirements have been happily met. By the generosity of friends a piano and hymn books have been provided for the chapel and repairs have been made to the buildings and heating apparatus; the paving assessment has been paid, and certain other improvements begun with good prospect of completion.

But there is great need for an addition to the Library building for its proper adaptation to its better use; (this will have to be done by special gift or gifts); the furnishing of the students' rooms—especially the bedding—must be renewed; there is a debt remaining against the Sage Library Maintenance Fund, and the preservation of the property of General Synod requires additional resources if a further debt is not to be incurred.

For all this the committee needs an additional income of \$2,000 a year or the interest upon an endowment of \$50,000.

Resolved, that the Synod earnestly commend this condition and need to the attention and provision of the Special Committee on Additional Endowment of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Secondly. The report makes suitable record of the lamented deaths of two of the members of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, the Rev. Professor D. D. Demarest, D.D., LL. D., and Mr. Frederick T. Kirk. The bereavements of the committee are the bereavement and sorrow of the Synod and of the whole Church which these beloved brethren served so well. The vacancy on the committee occasioned by the decease of the Professor will be filled in due order. We recommend that Elder John S. Bussing be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Frederick T. Kirk. We further recommend that Dr. David Murray, whose term on the committee expires this year, be reappointed.

The statements received from Treasurer Frank R. Van Nest require no action, the information contained in

them having been included in the committee's report concerning the Western Seminary.

The overture from the Classis of Paramus requesting a consolidation of the two exegetical chairs has been answered in the negative by the Synod itself in the election of a professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature.

The overture from the Classis of Montgomery asks for an amendment to Article III., Section 1, of the Constitution, which shall require the professors of theology to be chosen by a Board of Trustees to be selected in such manner as the General Synod shall devise, the choice of the trustees to be ratified by the Synod before it shall become effective. The following four reasons are appended:

(1). Under the present system the General Synod often spends a large part of its session in balloting.—To this the committee replies, that the issues at stake are so considerable as to warrant the expenditure, if necessary, of a great deal of time and care. Besides, it is not likely that subsequent Synods will be called upon to devote themselves quite so assiduously as recent Synods have been, to this peculiar and arduous function. Nor have we any assurance, should a Board of Trustees send in their choice, that a confirmation would be any simpler than an election. It is quite as easy to get into a deadlock over one candidate as over many.

(2). We believe that a small body of men can act more expeditiously and with fuller information as regards the qualifications of candidates for the professorships.—To this the committee makes answer, that while it may be true that a small body of men might be able to act more expeditiously and intelligently, the difficulty is to select and designate the few wise men of the Church to whom shall be committed such a trust. Synod has never relished being shorn of its powers. Possibly it might, in the present instance, being somewhat worn with its much balloting, consent to a scheme more fascinating and less democratic than the existing one. But the committee

are not so well convinced of this as to be inclined to recommend it.

(3). The proposed method is in harmony with the method pursued by some sister denominations.—The sister denominations referred to have several seminaries under their care, with many professors to trouble them. They have, of necessity, devised such plans as would relieve their general assemblies from the distracting diversion of an annual election. Manifestly, the situations are not identical.

(4). The clause which provides for the ratification of the choice by the General Synod fully provides for the doctrinal soundness of the professor-elect.—If the doctrinal soundness of a professor-elect can best be determined by the General Synod, so can his other qualifications. Not that the Synod is the best imaginable judge of fitness, and the time of the annual session the most desirable in which to canvass the qualifications of a candidate; but, if the reference to Synod be desirable as a test of orthodoxy, why is it not desirable as a test of other things also? Indeed, what could hinder it from being converted into such a test?

The fact is that the number of amendments proposed would indicate, either that the constitution is a very imperfect instrument, or that the seriousness of repeated tampering with it is very imperfectly realized. Certainly some of the amendments recently adopted have not cleared the way of the difficulties which it was hoped they would remove, nor have they proved equal to the unforeseen emergencies which have subsequently arisen. The committee therefore venture to suggest to the Synod that it forego for a time at least the doubtful expedient of the creation of another special body, and, in patient continuance in well-doing, give to the present method of election, which has now been in operation barely two years, a longer and fairer trial.

The Classis of New Brunswick submits to the General Synod the following overture :

1. That the salaries of the professors in the Seminary

be equalized by increasing the endowment of each of the chairs to \$63,000.

2. That immediate and continued effort be made to raise \$63,000 for the endowment of the fifth professorship.

3. That General Synod appoint a committee to report at the June session in the year 1900, for the consideration of Synod, some method by which the election of Theological Professors shall be made by a comparatively few persons, the most competent in the Reformed Church to serve as such electors.

Your committee respectfully submit that as inasmuch as the first two of these three articles involve financial considerations of such character and magnitude as to warrant their reference to a specially qualified committee, we therefore move that they be referred to the Synod's Special Committee on the Finances of the New Brunswick Seminary.

The third article is not germane to the two preceding, and since the ground seems to have been traversed in the discussion of the Overture from another Classis we recommend no action.

Vacancies in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick for the full term of five years exist in the Particular Synods of New York and Chicago, and the Classes of Paramus, Rochester, Schoharie, Schenectady, Ulster, Westchester and North Long Island. The nominations of Classes are :

Paramus—Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D. D.

Rochester—Rev. A. H. Strabbing.

Schenectady—Rev. C. P. Ditmars.

Ulster—Rev. Wm. A. Shaw.

Westchester—Rev. J. A. Harper.

North Long Island—Rev. G. D. Hulst, Ph. D.

To represent Particular Synod of New York, your committee nominate Elder R. N. Perlee, the Particular Synod of Chicago Rev. James F. Zwemer, and the Classis of Schoharie Rev. Charles W. Pitcher.

We recommend their confirmation by the Synod.

In the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary vacancies exist from the Particular Synods of Albany and Chicago, and the Classes of Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Particular Synod of Chicago nominates for the full term Rev. P. Moerdyke, D. D.; for the unexpired term of Rev. J. Lamar it nominates Rev. James F. Zwemer, and Elder W. H. Van Leeuwen, of Grand Rapids, for the full term as successor to Elder F. J. Cushing.

The Classis of Iowa nominates for the full term Rev. M. Kolyn.

For the other vacancies your committee nominates as follows :

Particular Synod of Albany—Rev. P. H. Cole.

Classis of Michigan—Rev. G. Z. Collier.

Classis of Wisconsin—Rev. G. J. Hekhuis.

For the vacancy in the Board at Holland, occasioned by the election of Rev. F. S. Schenck, D.D., to the chair of Practical Theology at New Brunswick, your committee nominate Rev. Edward B. Coe, D. D.

We recommend their confirmation by the Synod.

Three applications for dispensations have been referred to your committee.

1. That of the Classis of New Brunswick, in behalf of Mr. George J. Janeway for admittance to examination for licensure without the prescribed professorial certificate. Mr. Janeway is a graduate of Rutgers College, but pursued his theological studies in Princeton Seminary solely upon medical advice, his absorption in city mission work in New Brunswick having seriously impaired his health. The change has had the effect desired. His health is restored and he wishes to be ordained in our church to engage in missionary work under our Board.

Your committee cordially recommend that the request be granted.

2. An application from the Classis of Wisconsin to admit Mr. H. J. Wiersum to examination for licensure without the professorial certificate. Mr. Wiersum is a graduate of Hope College and of Princeton Seminary.

Your Committee recommend that the dispensation be granted.

3. A request from the Classis of New York for a similar dispensation in the case of Mr. J. Francis Dobbs. Mr. Dobbs is a graduate of Lafayette College, and has been for two years a student in the full course of Union Seminary. Having been invited to supply the Mott Haven Church, the congregation are anxious to avoid the dangers of an interregnum and to secure him at once as their pastor.

Mr. Dobbs proposes to continue the studies of the Senior Year of our New Brunswick Seminary, under the direction of our professors, and to submit himself at the end thereof to examination for the professorial certificate. Meanwhile he desires to be ordained, that he may render to his church all the services of the settled pastor. In view of the peculiar exigency of the Church the Classis makes this application in his behalf.

Your Committee having confidence in the wisdom of the Classis to whom the situation was fully known, and before whom Mr. Dobbs must appear for examination, and in the promise of Mr. Dobbs to complete his theological course, recommend that the application be granted.

This application for Mr. Dobbs was not granted.

The certificate from the Classis of Michigan dismissing Rev. John H. Gillespie to the care of the General Synod is in order. We move that he be so received. We further move that the Stated Clerk of the General Synod be permitted to grant to the Rev. John G. Lansing a certificate of dismissal to such ecclesiastical judicatory as he may elect.

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER,
J. A. DE BAUN,
I. P. BROKAW,
A. BUURSMA,
H. H. SHOOK,
JACOB SIMONSON, M.D.,
W. E. BOSSLER,
G. M. WILLIAMSON,
JOHN BINGHAM,

Committee.

The Special Committee on the Finances of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick presented the following :

REPORT OF REV. JAMES DEMAREST, D.D., FINANCIAL AGENT,
TO GENERAL SYNOD'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
FINANCES OF THE SEMINARY AT NEW
BRUNSWICK.

To the Special Committee of the General Synod on the Finances of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick:

Dear Brethren : In reporting my work as Agent of the Special Committee, I beg to say that very soon after my appointment I issued a circular letter to the churches in the name of the Committee, which was sent out to the several pastors and consistories, accompanied by an "announcement" of the Committee, and a copy of the report on the finances of the Seminary which was adopted by the General Synod at its last meeting. These papers put before the churches the whole situation in regard to the Seminary, and asked for their prompt and liberal help in the emergency. Subsequently many personal letters have been written and interviews held from time to time with a view to awakening interest in the subject on the part of both ministers and laymen, such as would lead to liberal gifts for the Institution both from churches and individuals. The subject has been brought before the people also in public addresses in the churches, principally on the Lord's days, but also during the week. For a few months past my Sundays have been mostly occupied in this way, followed usually by personal calls afterwards on some of those who have heard the public presentation of the matter, and also on some who have not.

Two things have impressed me as I have gone about among the people : First, their general ignorance and need of information on the subject, and secondly, their interest in the facts when presented to them, and readiness for the most part to appreciate their importance and prepare to respond to the appeal which they made. No

great results are apparent as yet in the way of money, enough however to make an encouraging beginning, and to show what may be expected when the seed which has been sown, and is still to be sown, shall spring up and give the expected harvest.

A feature of the work which should be recognized as destined to characterize the present effort in behalf of the Seminary, and which has forced itself more and more on my attention, is that the churches as such are to bear the main burden—that the Reformed Church as a whole, rather than a few individuals in it, is to furnish the money needed for the endowment of the Seminary, as well as provide temporarily for the running expenses. There is no James Suydam or Gardner A. Sage in sight at present to take the burden off the shoulders of the Church and bear it in the Church's stead; and it is probably on the whole a good thing for the Church that this is so. The exigency which has befallen the Seminary may turn out to be the very best thing that could happen to the Church for the revival of a spirit of denominational loyalty, and devotion to the work which she is to do. This at least seems plain: that while individuals of large means may be counted upon for large gifts, the churches must set themselves severally to the work of raising a due proportion of the whole sum needed for the increase of the endowment. This should be put at not less than \$250,000, in order to restore the income of the Seminary to its former figures not only, but also to carry out the purpose of the Committee to include in this effort an advance for the Seminary on the lines of larger resources and greater efficiency.

In connection with this, advantage should be taken of the near approach of the twentieth century to make its advent the point of time for the consummation of this effort. It is near enough to call for energetic action to do what we have to do in this work before it comes, and it is far enough away to give time for the completion of our task. Moreover, such a point of time should not be allowed to come and go without signaling it by some special work for the Church's advance; and this work is

plainly indicated to us by the providence which sets before us this vital need of our Church. The New Brunswick Seminary is so closely connected historically with the progress of the Reformed Church, and it holds so close a relation to its present prosperity, that an effort in behalf of its greater efficiency is the appropriate expression of the high purpose of the Church to consecrate herself anew, at the opening of this new period of time, to the work which the Master gives her to do in the world. Each several church feeling this responsibility and animated by this purpose and doing what it can, the demands of the situation will be met, and the Church as a whole will put herself on record in a worthy way as appreciating her duty and privilege at the opening of the twentieth century.

To labor along this line I feel should be the principal work of the Agent between now and 1901, stimulating and guiding the churches, and in general supervising the work as it goes on in the several congregations. If the Synod shall approve this plan, I shall feel like undertaking at once a systematic organization of the churches, with the view of setting each one at work in a co-operative effort that shall include them all.

These three points, then, stand out prominently :

1. A quarter million (\$250,000) dollars, needs to be added to the endowment of the Seminary to make it what such an institution ought to be.

2. The opening of the twentieth century should be the point of time set for the completion of the work of gathering this money.

3. The several churches should be enlisted in the effort to raise a definite sum, setting in operation whatever machinery seems best adapted to the purpose in each case, with the understanding that they are to have until the year 1901 in which to raise their quota.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DEMAREST.

May 10, 1899.

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCES OF
THE SEMINARY AT NEW BRUNSWICK.**

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the Special Committee on the Finances of the Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., would respectfully report :

INTRODUCTION.

This committee was originally appointed by the General Synod of 1897, upon the urgent request of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property and of the Board of Superintendents, to consider the condition of the Seminary Finances and devise means for their improvement. It was composed of representatives of the Board of Direction, of the Board of Superintendents, and of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property. It reported a general statement of the financial condition of the Seminary to the Synod of 1898, together with certain suggestions and plans relating thereto. These having been approved by the Synod, the committee was reappointed with authority to begin active effort along the lines proposed. As these plans in their nature called for protracted effort, our report at this time can not be expected to be complete, but is rather a report of progress.

ORGANIZATION.

The committee retained the organization of the preceding year, namely: Chairman, the Rev. A. G. Vermilye; Treasurer, Mr. F. R. Van Nest, and Secretary, Mr. F. T. Kirk, until the lamented death of Mr. Kirk, on February 20, 1899. Rev. J. P. Searle was appointed Secretary in Mr. Kirk's place. Mr. John J. Tucker, of the Board of Direction, was elected to membership in the committee, under the power given by Synod to the committee to add to its number.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod the committee determined to secure the services of some one who was at once well known and esteemed in the Church, and who knew the Church well himself, to act as an

agent to secure gifts both for current expenses and the endowment. After careful investigation, correspondence and conference, the Rev. James Demarest, D. D., was appointed such Financial Agent, and accepted the appointment on October 1st. The report of the committee as made to Synod was printed and its circulation begun. The sewer and paving assessments were paid and the debt cost of renewing the heating apparatus in Hertzog Hall. The arrearage of salary in connection with the maintenance of the Library has been prevented from increasing, if it has not been reduced. The sum of about \$500 is in hand, which according to the plan proposed last year, is available for use by the Board of Direction in meeting the special needs of the Seminary on its educational side. The work of the committee, both as to what has been done and as to what is proposed, is described in more of detail however in Dr. Demarest's report for the seven months from October 1 to May 1, and in the report of the Treasurer, both of which are submitted herewith as part of this report.

These reports, it should be distinctly noted, are not regarded by the committee as summing up the *results* of these seven months of effort. To secure the entrance of a new object of benevolence into the intelligent and sympathetic activity of a church doing as much as does ours, is a task demanding the wide diffusion of information, the bringing of the benevolently disposed into some measure of mutual understanding, and thus necessarily consuming much time.

Nevertheless the committee are gratified in reporting that \$1,650 has been given by individuals for the current expenses, an offer of more than \$500 has been made upon conditions which are likely to be complied with, and 32 churches have responded to Synod's request for an offering for current expenses. All of these churches, as we understand, are willing to repeat these offerings annually, while many more have given assurance of their being added to the list during the coming year. The gifts of the 32 churches amount to \$1,516.81, making a total for current expenses of \$3,166.81.

As to endowment, the efforts of the committee and its agent have been preparatory largely, and direct results have not been anticipated so soon; \$414.61, however, has been donated for this purpose by churches and individuals, chiefly during the latter part of the year, and \$1,200 has been contributed by the Alumni Association of the Seminary. In this last item alone we find one promise of a different report a year hence. When our ministers thus loyally show by their works, their faith in this cause, it will not be long before the people emulate both faith and activity.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

We present a very brief outline of the financial situation as unfolded more in detail a year ago, and as it continues substantially at present.

1. For the proper and necessary care of the property of the General Synod at New Brunswick, including the Library and the furnishing of Hertzog Hall, \$50,000, as additional endowment, or an annual sum equal to the income of \$50,000, is imperatively required.

2. For the proper carrying on of the educational work of the Seminary, within the limits already appointed by the Synod, \$100,000 as additional endowment, or an annual sum equal to the income of \$100,000, is in like manner required. This alone will secure the maintenance of the Professors' salaries at the standard of \$2,500 each, restore training in music and elocution to the curriculum, permit the resumption of the printing necessary to the highest efficiency in professorial work, and provide lectures such as Synod long ago recommended.

3. For the enlargement of this educational work, so that the Seminary may adequately equip its graduates to meet the increasing demands made upon the ministry of to-day, \$100,000 additional endowment is extremely desirable. This will provide an additional professorship, of the English Bible and Missions, or of Biblical Theology, Apologetics, or such other department of training as Synod in its wisdom shall determine, will provide much

needed fellowships, and complete our facilities for post-graduate work.

COMMENTS.

In approaching the recommendations with which this report closes, a few words of comment from us, as representing the various governing bodies of the Seminary, will doubtless be pardoned.

The average gift of the 32 churches contributing for current expenses is \$47.40. These churches range in ability from our strongest one to the infant Mission Church, and so the list may fairly be considered as a representative one. If all of our 633 churches will only do as well proportionately, \$30,000 would annually be secured in this way alone. This would meet the current expenses quite comfortably, and would add some \$24,000 or more to the endowment each year.

It will also be seen that should this form of gift increase much more slowly than the Committee expects it will, it will relieve Synod of the necessity of cutting off any of the educational activities of the Institution. At the beginning of our work, this Committee, appointed to consider a serious financial problem, carefully studied as to whether any possible retrenchment in the way of cutting off or concentrating the work of the Seminary would afford any solution or relief to the situation. We agreed that instead, it would be fatal to our own success, and to the efficiency of the Seminary to attempt this. We are glad to report that the responses received to our appeals indicate that the Church approves our decision, and that progress, not reaction, is at once the Church's purpose and demand for this ancient Institution.

We lay stress upon the annual offering from the Churches in our recommendations, but not for the sake of the direct results alone, important as these may be made. We believe that the Seminary ought to receive the benefit of a general popular interest and support, and that it will obtain this readily, when its history, equipment, character and possibilities are made known to our people. The annual offering gives the pastor the oppor-

tunity to impart this information. Out of the mass of informed givers will come also in time, the stream of legacies usually flowing toward such an institution of learning and which has perhaps been checked in recent years by the almost universal and utterly mistaken notion of the Seminary's wealth. And out of the mass of informed givers will also come the large donor, if he is to come at all. This has been the record of our past, and of other institutions as well.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would respectfully recommend :

1. That this Committee, changed so far as its members are concerned if in the judgment of Synod this is desirable, but unchanged in its powers, be continued.

2. That Synod again urge upon all the churches the making of an annual offering for the current expenses of the Seminary.

3. That all pastors and consistories be urged by General Synod to facilitate in every way possible the work of Synod's Special Committee.

4. That Synod urge upon the Classes the active exercise of classical influence among their churches, in behalf of the foregoing requests of the General Synod.

5. That the representatives of the Classes in the Board of Superintendents be appointed by this Synod, Seminary Agents, each for his own Classis, to co-operate with the Agent of Synod's Committee and to aid to the utmost of his power in disseminating information concerning the needs of the Seminary and in securing from churches and individuals in such Classis, gifts for the current expenses and endowment of the Seminary.

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Resolved, That the report be accepted; that its recommendations be adopted; that the work already accomplished by the committee be heartily approved; and that the committee be continued, with power to fill vacancies in their number.

ARTICLE VI.

EDUCATION, ACADEMIES AND COLLEGES.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, with the report of the Treasurer of the Board, and referred to the Committee on Education, Academies and Colleges.

To the same Committee were referred the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Council of Hope College, and the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Northwestern Classical Academy. They read as follows:

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF HOPE COLLEGE.

The Council of Hope College begs leave to present its annual report to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

I. COUNCIL.

The Council met in regular session June 21st, 1898, and organized by the election of the following officers:

President, Rev. Wm. Moerdyke.

Vice-President, Rev. B. Van Ess.

Secretary, Hon. G. J. Diekema.

Treasurer, Prof. C. Doesburg.

The Council met again in regular session April 26, 1899, for the transaction of business.

II. FACULTY.

There have been some changes in the teaching force. Prof. J. H. Gillespie, was, with extreme regret, released that he might accept the General Synod's call to the chair

Of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. Prof. E. D. Dimnent was elected to the vacant chair, and has occupied it acceptably during the past year. A new chair of Pedagogy has been established, and Prof. A. J. Ladd, of Illinois, has given instruction in that branch, to the general satisfaction of Council and Faculty. Mr. James G. Van Zwaluwenburg was added to the teaching force, as tutor in Natural Sciences, but March 1st he resigned the position, and this laid a heavy burden upon some of the other professors, which was, however, cheerfully borne. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered them by the Council. The Council gratefully reports that Prof. H. Boers, after a very serious illness, is spared to continue his work in the College. During his inability his classes were cared for by several members of the Faculty, which the Council duly appreciated.

III. STUDENTS.

There have been in attendance during the year 243 students, 107 in the College, and 136 in the Preparatory Department. They all took the full course, except eleven, which were unclassified. The Senior class, about to graduate, is the largest that has ever graduated from the institution, and all took the full classical course, and what is more gratifying still, they are all professing Christians. One of the students in the Preparatory Department died during last summer's vacation. The health of the students generally has been good, excepting in February, when many complained of the grip.

The societies, religious and literary, retain their usual interest ; and the mission band, now under the leadership of Prof. Dimnent, continues its regular sessions. All these develop and sustain a high Christian character among the students.

The music is still under charge of Prof. J. B. Nykerk, and by his efforts a Steinway grand piano has been placed in the Chapel.

IV. EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations, both written and oral, were usually

well sustained. They manifest the faithful attendance to duty on the part of professors and students.

V. GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

The campus has been beautified by the planting of many trees, and the buildings have been kept in repair as thoroughly as the funds would allow. The following is the report of the General Synod's Committee on Buildings and Grounds in Holland, Michigan.

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Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEARDSLEE, Sec'y."

The Council found that the money had been well expended, and heartily and unanimously endorsed the request of the Committee.

VI. LIBRARY.

Many valuable books have been added to the library, and these, with the Graves library books, have been cata-

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VII. VACANCIES.

The term of Hon. G. J. Diekema expires this year, and his successor must be elected by the Synod at its session in June, he being one of the General Synod's members of the Council of the College.

VIII. TREASURY.

The condition of the treasury is as follows :

I. PERMANENT FUND.

I—UNPRODUCTIVE.

Real Estate—offered for sale.....	\$25,000 00
Balance in the Treasury—awaiting investment	6,062 18
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2—PRODUCTIVE.

Interest-bearing Real Estate Securities, held by Council.....	\$155,365 00
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Total	<hr/> \$244,257 08

The following scholarships are included in the above amount, and must be deducted :

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II. CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Interest from Invested Funds.... :.... ..	\$11,040 96
Fees from Students, etc..... ..	2,561 00
Appropriation from Board of Education..... ..	1,350 00
Contributions by Churches and Individuals..... ..	445 70
Sundries... ..	554 24
Total..... ..	\$15,951 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries—Professors..... ..	\$12,049 30
Services of Janitor..... ..	364 92
Two Notes Paid..... ..	2,251 39
Taxes	477 26
Repairing Buildings, etc	449 22
School Requisites..... ..	284 09
Printing, etc..... ..	248 87
Fuel..... ..	137 23
Prizes, Scholarships, etc	376 00
Sundries..... ..	681 42
Total..... ..	\$17,319 70
Leaving a deficit in the Contingent Fund of..... ..	\$ 1,367 80

IX. CONCLUSION.

“As to-day we look back upon the past year, and then look out upon the future, there is a mingled feeling of hope and fear, of joy and anxiety, found in our hearts. We are thankful for what has been accomplished under the blessing of God, but when we look forward and see what must yet be done, and what obstacles are often in the way, then our heart is, at times, filled with doubts and misgivings, and we feel all the more need of your wise planning, your kind help and your earnest prayers.”

GERRIT J. DIEKEMA,

(A true copy.)

Secretary of the Council.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTHWESTERN CLASSICAL ACADEMY TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

It is with gratitude to our Covenant God that we submit our Sixteenth Annual Report upon the condition and

work of this Institution, so closely identified with the general work of our Church at the West.

Sustained by the goodness of our Heavenly Father, and encouraged by the co-operation of many friends, both East and West, we have come to the close of another school year. The school has sought, in its own way, to extend and strengthen our beloved Church in the farther West; its promoters have aimed to teach the Lord's people how intimate is the connection between Christian Education and the progress of the Kingdom of God.

THE BOARD AND ITS WORK.

The Board of Trustees is a legal corporation, created to conduct the affairs of the Academy, and to manage its funds and property "in trust for the Reformed Church in America."

Its members have been faithful in attendance upon the stated and special meetings, and have earnestly sought to promote the interests of the institution committed to their charge.

Since our last Report was presented, the institution sustained a severe trial in the resignation of Rev. Jas. F. Zwemer, who for eight years had so ably conducted the affairs and by dint of persistent and self-denying efforts had done so much for its development.

To such a degree had the responsibilities for the success of our school been transferred to the Principal, that when his resignation was received, the Board was almost at a loss to know in what manner to proceed. After a careful canvass of the situation, it was determined that the Principal should not be burdened, as Mr. Zwemer had been; accordingly it was decided that the work of providing for the current expenses of the school should be separated from the duties of the Principal, in order that he might give his undivided attention to the work of instruction and management. To make this possible it was further resolved that an Educational and Financial Agent should be appointed to solicit Funds, interest the people in the cause of Education, secure students

and aid in the work of teaching, as far as his time would permit. Under this new arrangement Rev. Matthew Kolyn, pastor of the First Church of Orange City, was elected Principal, and Rev. Henry Straks of Maurice chosen as Educational and Financial Agent. These brethren entered upon their respective duties last Fall, and while it may be too early to judge accurately of the merits of this arrangement, it is believed that this policy will prove a wise one.

At the April meeting of the Board the suggestion made by the Principal, that the curriculum be somewhat broadened, so as to include specific Normal instruction, was favorably considered by the Board, and a committee was appointed to report a plan and tentatively fix a course to be submitted at the June meeting. It is believed that this will be a means of increasing our attendance, and will prove a direct benefit to the cause of Primary Education in this region.

THE FACULTY.

In view of the fact that the Principal was relieved of the burden of caring for the contingent expenses of the institution, he was enabled to fill the vacancy in the teaching force caused by the resignation of Miss C. Van der Linden, so that no other change was necessary. The teachers have done thorough and painstaking work and good results have been attained. The aim is to constantly advance the standard of our curriculum.

STUDENTS.

The number of students is not quite as large as last year owing principally to the fact that on account of a change in the principalship little could be done last summer in the way of securing new students. The enrollment was as follows: 11 in the "A" class; 14 in the "B"; 20 in the "C", and 17 in the "D"; a total of 62.

On the whole the students have shown commendable diligence and faithfulness, and have thus seconded the

efforts of the teachers to do thorough and efficient work.

The deportment was good, and the relation between teachers and students has been uniformly pleasant and mutually helpful.

A large percentage of our students are professing Christians and all have been identified with the life and work of the local churches.

THE RAPELYE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

Since last year the principal patroness of our Library, Mrs. Cornelius Rapelye has enriched our shelves with a valuable set of historical works, and also supplied covers for the books upon our shelves. Another valuable donation of books came to us by the bequest of Rev. J. N. Jansen of Newark, N. J., consisting of more than 500 Volumes, most of them standard works.

Rev. W. J. Skillman of Philadelphia manifested his continued interest in our school by sending us a complete bound set of the *Atlantic Monthly*, and other valuable books of reference.

Through the kindness of friends East and West, notably through the continued interest of Rev. A. DeW. Mason, our Reading Room is bountifully supplied with the very best of reading matter.

Valuable public documents and indispensable works of reference were received at the instance of Hon. G. W. Perkins and Hon. H. Hospers.

Appropriate resolutions of thanks to all these kind friends were passed by the Board.

BUILDINGS AND INVESTMENTS.

Our property, held in trust for the Reformed Church, consists of a campus of eight acres, offering a commanding site at the head of the main street of the town, upon which has been erected, in addition to the Principal's residence, a well arranged building, lighted by electricity and heated by steam, and containing all the appointments necessary for an institution of this kind.

We are greatly in need, however, of some appliances and apparatus so indispensable in the study of the natural sciences.

The nucleus of our endowment consists of \$2,500 held in trust for the Academy by the Board of Education ; \$6,450 invested in real estate in Sioux county and secured by first class mortgage ; \$900 in the form of promissory notes, and \$70 in cash on hand, a total of \$9,920.

FINANCES.

The contingent expenses of the Academy are met by the income of our small endowment, by fees, by contributions from this vicinity, and by appropriations from the Board of Education. Owing, however, to the inability of the Board of Education to appropriate more than a very small amount for three years in succession, prior to this year, it has been very difficult to make ends meet during that time; and we began the year with a very serious deficit in the contingent expense account, notwithstanding the fact that a heroic and to a large degree successful effort had been made a year before, to wipe out the debt that had accumulated up to that time.

When it seemed, however, as though this condition of things would grow constantly worse, God put it into the heart of one of His children to gladden the whole Church by making a generous benefaction to God's cause, the same to be applied to the cause of Missions, Foreign and Domestic, and to that of Education. This enabled the Board of Education to make an immediate appropriation of \$1,000 for our work, which greatly relieved the embarrassing financial situation and for which we feel very grateful. The present condition can be seen from the following :

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Interest.....	\$ 338 00
Fees.....	604 00

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Donations from the home field.....	1,991 73
From the Voorhees donation through the Board of Education.....	1,000 00
Other donations through the Board of Education.....	631 00
Parochial school fund.....	100 00
From a loan.....	1,500 00
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	\$6,c64 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries.....	\$4,475 00
Coal and janitor.....	495 00
Interest on debts and loans.....	576 00
Sundries.....	518 73
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	\$6,064 73

In view of the situation we feel justified as a Board in respectfully requesting the General Synod to recommend the Academy to the Board of Education for an appropriation in the sum of \$1,200 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

(A true copy.)

HENRY STRAKS,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ACADEMIES AND COLLEGES.

This Committee presented their report. It was accepted and adopted, and reads as follows :

There have been referred to your committee these papers : the Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education, the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Council of Hope College, the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Northwestern Classical Academy. The following financial statements from the Treasurer of the General Synod, viz: the Education Fund account, the Education Fund income account, Hope College Endowment Fund account, Hope College Endowment Fund income account, the Parochial School Fund account, and a few nominations of Classical agents.

From the excellent report of the Board of Education, since it lays stress upon the object for which the Board

was organized, to further the education of a thorough equipped Christian ministry, by fostering the establishment and support of Colleges and Academies, and account of the interesting and instructive appendix, giving a review of the past twenty-five years, during twenty-one of which the honored Corresponding Secretary, Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., gave such noble service to all the interests involved, we glean the following :

The Church aided during the year a large and promising band of young men, 45 in our two Theological Seminaries, 36 in four Colleges, and 5 in three Preparatory Schools.

Fourteen new students were received and the same number entered last May upon work in the Master's vineyard. The Board applied new methods to secure as select a number as possible of beneficiaries.

Your committee trusts that it voices the sentiments of the entire church in approving the intention of the Board to cease aiding young men while yet Grammar School students, and in a period of life when a fixed and mature choice of one's profession is the exception rather than the rule, not the less will the Church and its Lord approve the decision to discontinue aid to those upon whose scholarship and deportment their Faculties report adversely. Indeed, there is at present, albeit the harvest whitens, nay for the sake of that harvest, more demand for men of quality—

“ Men whose eyes have seen the King,
Men whose lives conviction bring ”

than for all sorts of men at the cost of the respect and efficiency of the ministry. For He gave *some*, not every one, or any one, but only *some*. Whilst these facts encourage, there are figures that dishearten and should lead to searching inquiry.

The average amount of contributions from the churches for the first five of these past twenty-five years was \$13,500 per annum, rising as high as \$14,976 in the fourth year, that notable Centennial year, but the wheels lag lazily down the years, until they verily seem to drop in ruts. The average amount given annually by our

churches during these last five years is only \$7,300, and this last year (1898) it sank as low as it ever did, and God forbid that it ever shall again. Think of it, *one hundred and eleven thousand* disciples of Christ gave for that grandest of all benevolences, to care for a future ministry, of the only one Gospel, and for a generation of Christian thinkers and toilers—only \$6,337; that is five and one-half cents, not even the cost of a passing luxury on one warm day.

Brethren, these things ought not to be so, and they would not have been thus if *all* the churches, instead of one-half of them, had responded to the efforts of the Board, let us bear with the officers of the Board—our servants, if you please—in this urgent work that sadly goes a-begging and a-dying; nay, let us welcome them in all their efforts when they are provoking us to this good work, the most ancient charity of our Church, as it will always remain, the fundamental one to all ecclesiastical and missionary operations.

From the report of the Council of Hope College, we learn, that for the sake of our Seminary at New Brunswick, it did last fall, though with extreme regret, release its beloved Prof. J. H. Gillespie from the chair of Greek Language and Literature, which he so ably filled for many years. That a new chair of Pedagogy has been established. That the total attendance was 243, all of whom save 11 took the full course prescribed.

That this College of our Church will this month graduate a class larger than ever before, each of whom stands on the Lord's side, ready to do His bidding. That in all of its students a high Christian character is being developed and maintained. That the intent of the School, also to serve the cause of world-wide missions, is being furthered by the College Mission Band, under the inspiring leadership of Prof. Dimnent, the successor of Dr. Gillespie.

That its officers and friends, sincerely grateful for numberless blessings, cannot think of the growing opportunities and needs of this College, save with intense yearning for our wise planning, kind help and earnest prayer.

May each advancing year, on the previous one an improvement, deepen the conviction that Hope College, with its fruitage and future, is one of the richest heritages of our Church, deserving its constant blessing and increasing benefactions.

The report of the Academy at Orange City, Ia., speaks for itself, and tells in eloquent words how, on that distant field, this younger Institution, so closely allied to the advance of Missions in the farther West, is giving the Reformed Church yeoman service, by emphasizing in that region the truth, that there ever is, and needs must remain, a vital relation between Christian training and Christian living; that these united, thrive, but divided, suffer untried and irreparable loss; that in these days, *he* is a benefactor to his kin and his country, who will convince his fellows of the connection there is between the Christian College and the Kingdom of Christ.

This devoted band of teachers away up in our Northwest, and the 62 pupils they educated this year, are in a quiet way doing a work for all of us, a work not limited to that school, but touching lives and homes far beyond, and broadening through the church and the world as the years increase. The Home and Foreign fields have already heard from that northwestern section of our church, let the Academy hear of our men of wealth to its cheer and prosperity. Since the Report of this school presents so plainly what is held in trust by it for the Reformed Church, we recommend that it be printed in the minutes of the General Synod, for the information of the entire church.

Your Committee has also received the gratifying information that the school at German Valley, Ills., for some time closed on account of lack of funds, will resume its work next Fall as an Academy with three teachers, one of whom is the Rev. John Muller, its Principal, and that there is great hope of success for this institution in that field along these limited lines.

Our Church needs Academies equipped to thoroughly prepare young men for College, the education of the select young man, the consecration of the best steward-

Ship of our membership and the unity of the Church seem to call for such opportunities.

This Academy, founded in the interests of the work of our Church among our German constituency, represents already an investment of \$10,000 in a large two-story Academy Hall, and a commodious Principal's residence, located on an eight-acre lot.

The Classis of Pleasant Prairie makes the liberal proposition to bear about one-half of its running expenses, which will be provided by its churches. This should be appreciated and recognized. Such devotion to the cause of education by a Missionary Classis, whose aided churches gave on an average *more than one dollar* for Domestic Missions, should be heartily seconded by our co-operation.

From this brief review we see that the important work of the Board of Education, in all its branches, must be sustained, should have the support of *all* the churches, and ought to expand, instead of contract, as it seems to do, if decreased contributions have any meaning. That our Academies and Colleges merit the most liberal support. That the living link between the Board of Education and the churches must be found in lively Classical agencies. That the personal efforts and influences of the pastor, the instructions and intercessions of the pulpit are the powers behind the throne, in this great labor of love. We therefore submit the following recommendations :

Resolved, That the Board of Education, and its important work, be renewedly recommended to the prayerful sympathy and regular benefactions of all our churches.

Resolved, That we make grateful record of the princely gifts during the year of the "Voorhees donation," whereby the Board was enabled to cheer the workers in our Western schools, giving them, with us, the assurance that our God hears and answers prayer.

Resolved, That the sum of \$12,000, about ten cents per member, be apportioned among the Classes for the General Fund of the Board of Education.

Resolved, That all Classes who as yet have not appointed Agents, or who failed to report their nominations to General Synod, be hereby directed to make such appointments.

Resolved, That from any available sources and funds in the keeping of the Board, the following appropriations be paid during the fiscal year :

To Hope College, \$2,000.

To the N. W. C. Academy, \$1,200.

To Pleasant Prairie Academy, \$1,000.

Resolved, That the " Day of Prayer for Colleges " be observed in all our churches with appropriate services as far as may be, that its blessed influence may again enrich our homes and our schools, Christ's Church and God's world.

Nominations for members of the Board of Education for the full term :

Rev. J. Elmendorf, D. D.,	Mr. R. N. Perlee,
" P. M. Doolittle,	" G. C. Haring, M. D.,
" D. H. Martin, D. D.,	" Wm. F. Wyckoff,
" Alex. McKelvey,	" V. M. W. Suydam.

For member of Synod's Committee on Hope College Grounds and Buildings :

Pres. G. J. Kollen, LL.D., for full term.

For member of the Council of Hope College :

Hon. G. J. Diekema, for the full term.

Classical Agents for Board of Education :

Classis of Grand River,	Rev. J. J. Van Zanten.
" Hudson,	" Wm. E. Compton.
" Iowa,	" A. M. Van Duine.
" Montgomery,	" E. A. Mc Cullum.
" Passaic,	" Alex. Mc Kelvey.
" Raritan,	" P. M. Doolittle.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES F. ZWEMER,
CHARLES K. CLEARWATER,
JAS. M. DICKSON,
R. N. PERLEE,
P. T. ACKERMAN.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr. Mandeville, Corresponding Secretary of the Board being absent on account of the death of a relative, Rev. P. T. Pockman addressed the Synod on the work and needs of the Board.

ARTICLE VII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

Rev. E. A. Collier, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the last Synod "To consider the matter of Sunday-school hymn books," presented the report of the committee. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

To the General Synod :

Your committee was appointed at the last session of this Synod "to consider the matter of Sunday School hymn books," and report at this meeting. (Min. 1898, p. 115.)

This action was taken on the recommendation of Synod's Permanent Committee on Sabbath Schools and Catechetical Instruction.

The recommendation was the result of the discovery that at least fifty-eight different collections of hymns and music are used in our schools. Some of these collections were characterized as "excellent"; others as "only fair," and others as "poor." More than one-fifth of our schools, those of the Arcot Classis being excluded, were reported as using the "Gospel Hymns," as they are called. "That the Synod," it was said, "should put the seal of its approval on certain collections of hymns for the use of the churches, seems to warrant the hope that the same action may be taken with reference to Sunday School hymn books. For, if the inculcation of erroneous doctrine is feared through the influence of hymns, the injury is done by the time the child is old enough to sing out of the larger collection."

The argument of the Permanent Committee seems to be conclusive. It is exceedingly important that the chil-

dren should use those hymns only which are Scriptural in their teaching, true and wholesome in their sentiment poetic in their structure and elevating in their influence.

The General Synod has not been altogether negligent as to the hymnology of our Sunday Schools. At its session in 1842, Drs. Knox, Bethune and Campbell were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable hymnal. Their compilation of 350 hymns was subsequently approved, but was found to be on the whole better adapted for prayer meetings than for Sunday School use, and has long been out of print.

After more than half-a-century it seems as though Synod may well take action again. Books characterized by your Permanent Committee as "excellent" call for no criticism. But those designated as "only fair" or "poor" should receive Synod's disapproval.

From books used in some of our schools it would not be difficult to cite erroneous teaching; morbid, exaggerated sentimentalism, and mere jingling, senseless rhymes inaccurately called hymns. There are also trivial tunes with rollicking refrains, set to such a hymn as, "Alas and did my Saviour bleed," which bring to mind Pope's apt couplet:

"Light quirks of music, broken and uneven,
Make the soul dance upon a jig to heaven."

All this should be rigorously excluded from our Sunday School hymnals.

All are agreed that the service of song is an important part of worship. It may sometimes be the best part the part most acceptable to God and most like that of heaven.

In both hymns and music the devotional element is of supreme importance: and yet in many popular sacred songs so called there is not one devotional stanza or strain. The members of your committee have been present at Sabbath School and other religious services, where from beginning to end not one devotional hymn was sung. The spirit of worship is starved when thus fed. And many children are being trained to come into the prayer meeting and the sanctuary with sealed lips and with

perverted, vitiated taste, that has no relish for the great immortal hymns and tunes of the Church.

The children do not need the trivialities that are popular for a year or two and then thrown aside for a new ephemeral series. Heber's magnificent hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," with Dyke's noble music, is sung by even young children with as much zest and pleasure as some formerly sang of the

"Golden hereafter whose every bright rafter," etc., etc.

ad nauseam. The same is true of a large number of hymns and tunes which are devotional, instructive, chaste and elevating, instead of the reverse.

The educational power of song is well known. It was recognized at an early period in the history of the Church. In the second century hymns, or rather versified didactics and philosophy, set to popular melodies, were used in the propagation of heresy, and also in defense of the truth. Luther's enemies are quoted as saying that his hymns were more destructive to souls than his preaching. Certainly his and other hymns were a mighty factor in the spread and progress of the Reformation. The errorists, and even the Free-Thinkers and Anarchists of our time have their Sunday-schools and their hymnals breathing their spirit. Those of the German Anarchists are flaming with hate and with all intense and malignant passion. They understand the power of song. The Christian Church cannot afford to undervalue it, or fail to use it wisely. The children's minds should be saturated, even in early years, not with mere jingling rhymes and trivial sentimentalities, but with God's truth in elevating as well as pleasing lyrical form and set to worthy music.

In endeavoring to carry out the instructions of General Synod, your committee has been obliged to take into consideration several conditions which demanded recognition.

In the first place, it has felt that any book that is to be popular with the schools of our Church must avoid the extremes of intricate and involved harmony as repre-

sented by the ultra English School of hymnists, and of senseless jingle and monotonous repetition as seen in many semi-vulgar American hymn-tunes.

Your committee has also tried to keep in mind that a book to be of service to the whole denomination must be adapted to the musical ability of the average school rather than to the fastidious taste of the few.

Third, your committee is of the firm conviction that any book that might be adopted, ought, in very large degree, to prepare the minds and hearts of the children for the more general participation in and enjoyment of the standard hymns and tunes which they will afterwards use in the church service. This principle is being recognized by the leading denominations in the preparation of their Sunday-school hymn books.

Fourth, in keeping with the above, we have sought for hymns dignified in character, acceptable in metre, pure in diction, on themes that appeal especially to children, of singing melody and simple harmony.

Your committee felt somewhat hampered in its practical work in that it was simply a committee of "investigation and recommendation," without any power to act.

With these thoughts clearly in mind, your committee first examined carefully the published 'Sunday-school hymnals in the hope of finding one that it could conscientiously recommend to Synod for its adoption, but found none. Not that there were no good books in the market, but rather because the good books were of such an exceptionally high order as to be practically useless to the average school, while the more ordinary ones contained so few of the better class of hymns and tunes as to help little in developing a worshipful spirit.

We next took into consideration the advisability of publishing a Sunday-school book for our own denomination, in preparation for and on a par with the recognized Church Hymnals. But the enormous expense and risk entailed in such an undertaking soon caused us to abandon that idea.

It was then proposed to make our own compilation of hymns and tunes, and see if some publisher could not be

induced to put the book on the market at his own risk and for his own profit, if any. But the size of the denomination, our inability to guarantee any definite circulation for the book and the great financial risk involved, soon convinced us that such a plan was not feasible.

At this juncture your committee learned that three other denominations were working along lines quite similar to our own. These were, first the German Evangelical Church of North America, with the Rev. C. G. Haas, D. D., of St. Louis, as Chairman of the Committee; second, the Reformed Church in the United States with the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., of Reading, Pa., as Chairman; and third, the Presbyterian Church under the direction of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sunday-school Work, with the Rev. Louis F. Benson, D. D., of Philadelphia, as Chairman. We immediately opened correspondence with these committees in the hope of securing some plan of co-operation by which the work of one or the other could be adopted by us. And your Committee wishes, in passing, to record its hearty appreciation of the kindly manner in which its proposals and suggestions were received by the others.

The Hymnal of the Evangelical Church made its appearance last fall, but while having many excellent features, it hardly meets our requirements in that it is intended for use in both the Church and Sunday-school, and consequently is a larger and more expensive book than your Committee would care to recommend.

The books of the Reformed Church in the United States and of the Presbyterian Church have not yet been published. Your Committee has had the privilege however of examining some proof sheets of the one, and has seen a list of the hymns and tunes to be incorporated in the other; and in our judgment these books will come nearer meeting the conditions than any other we have seen. It also gives us much pleasure to state that both these committees stand ready to enter into a business arrangement with our Church by which their books can be furnished to us at figures and under conditions involving no financial risk on our part. In fact the Ger-

man Reformed Church has already submitted a tentative proposition, which meets with the approval of your Committee, and has received the informal endorsement of our Board of Publication.

In view of these facts your Committee would recommend that the Special Committee appointed by the Synod of 1898; "to consider the matter of Sunday-school hymn books" be continued, and that the Committee be given power to adopt such a book for the schools of our Church as may seem best to it, with the approval and co-operation of the Board of Publication.

May we not trust that, with noble songs and noble music, the dear children of our schools, churches and homes may be inspired to nobler and choicer religious worship and life? It will, indeed, be a happy outcome of this effort, if it shall at all elevate the musical taste, the spiritual worship, and the Christian life of our people, old and young.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. COLLIER,
Chairman.

DENIS WORTMAN,
BENJ. E. DICKHAUT.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechetical Instruction presented the following report. It was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechetical Instruction would respectfully report as follows :

Your Committee has endeavored to carry out faithfully the wishes of General Synod which has charged them with the investigation and promotion of Sunday-school work and Catechetical Instruction. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of this work, since the religious instruction of the young, apart from preaching, is almost entirely left to these two agencies.

With the one exception of the Classis of Raritan all the Classes of the Church have appointed permanent Sunday-school Committees, and as these Committees become more familiar with their work, increasingly fuller statistics may be expected. The work of Sunday-schools and Catechetical Instruction is thus also brought before the Classes, and has a care and oversight such as it never had before. Through these Committees, moreover, new opportunities are afforded for promoting closer union between the Sunday-schools and the various Boards of the Church.

Your Committee has also prepared a card catalogue of all the Sunday-schools in the denomination, containing valuable information not only for your Committee, but for the different Church Boards, by whom this catalogue is much appreciated. For convenience of reference this catalogue is kept in the Church House.

The more the work of the religious training of the young is studied the more important it appears. Considering the circumstances much faithful work is being done, but "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." The Synod has repeatedly expressed its conviction of the need of the best possible development of Sunday-school work; and again we desire to emphasize the responsibility of pastors, superintendents and teachers, to whose care is committed the training of young hearts and lives. None should be satisfied with the development already attained; no effort should be spared to reach the highest efficiency. If our own wisdom does not suggest improvements, we can learn from the wisdom of others. The editorials of the various Lesson Helps deserve the careful attention of all Sunday-school workers, and we would especially commend the excellent articles in the *Sunday School Times* on "Methods of Work," which set before us the work done by acknowledged leaders.

I.

ORGANIZATIONS.

From the minutes of the Particular Synods we learn

that the number of Sunday-schools in connection with our churches is 922, a loss of one as compared with last year.

The enrollment is given as 123,059, a loss of 608. The membership of several union schools, whose scholars should properly be counted as ours, is not included in this enrollment.

The number of catechumens is given as 33,128, or 27 per cent. of the enrollment.

Four hundred and seventy-seven Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor are found in the denomination, and one hundred and sixty-nine Junior Societies. Of the denominational work of these societies mention is made in the reports of the various Boards.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has fifty-four chapters in our denomination. The two rules of the Brotherhood are THE RULE OF PRAYER, "*To pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of the Brotherhood*"; and THE RULE OF SERVICE, "*To make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one man within the hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*" In many ways the Brotherhood has made itself useful to the local work of the Church, but as yet no denominational work has been attempted.

II.

BENEVOLENCES.

For the sake of clearness your Committee has tabulated the benevolences of the year as follows :

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

S. S.	Regular Work.	Special.	Arabia.	Woman's Board.	Totals.
S. S....	\$10,853 86	\$106 61	\$511 07	\$817 91	\$12,289 45
C. E....	3,956 97	25 00	917 88	790 99	5,690 04
Totals..	\$14,810 83	\$131 61	\$1,428 95	\$1,608 90	\$17,979 49

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

S. S.	Regular Work.	Special	Ch. B. F.	Indian Fund.	W.E.C.	Totals.
S. S. ...	\$6,011 75	\$98 65	\$970 67	\$726 68	\$330 42	\$8,138 17
C. E.....	.....	15 83	1,883 42	702 53	147 35	2,749 13
Totals..	\$6,011 75	\$114 48	\$2,854 09	\$1,429 21	\$477 77	\$10,887 30

EDUCATION.

S. S.....	\$172 85
C. E.....	59 80
Total.....	\$232 65

It will be seen from the above statement that there has been an increase in gifts from the Sunday-schools as compared with last year in support of the regular work of Foreign Missions (\$619.67), Special Work of Foreign Missions (\$106.61), and the regular work of Domestic Missions (\$412.32); but a decrease for the work in Arabia (\$2.23), the Woman's Board (\$233.82); Church Building Fund (\$109.10), and Education (\$74.33), making a net gain of \$719.12.

While the Christian Endeavor Societies show a gain in benevolent offerings for Education (19.80), Special Foreign Work (\$25.00), Arabian Work (155.48), your Committee regrets to record a loss in gifts for the regular work of Foreign Missions (\$623.29), the Woman's Board (445.92), and the Church Building Fund (\$116.38).*

Your Committee notes with pleasure that many of the schools and Endeavor Societies of the Church contribute liberally to other benevolences which cannot be included in a denominational report, such as local charities, and the Union work of both Sunday-schools and Endeavor Societies, in their town, county and state organizations.

*Later statistics make the total of the gifts of the C. E. Societies \$8,924.95.

III.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Your Committee again reports with much pleasure a slight increase over last year in the number of responses to their inquiries. Exclusive of the Classis of Arcot, 83 per cent. of the Sunday-schools have this year sent in reports. No returns, however, were received from the Classes of Illinois and Wisconsin. The Classis of Wisconsin explained that their omission was due to the removal to another Classis of the Chairman and one member of the Sunday-school Committee, and the inability of Classis to fill their places in time for a report to be prepared. The report of the Classis of Illinois appears to have miscarried.

The questions asked this year differ considerably from those of last year. Your Committee sought this year to gather information especially on the following points: What lesson help and what Sunday-school paper are in use? What catechisms are used, and what proportion of the Sunday-schools have catechetical instruction? What young people's societies exist in the churches? What schools do not contribute to benevolent causes, and what schools do not order their supplies from the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church? It is hoped that the information thus gleaned will be of value to the various Boards. The statistics in detail are as follows:

I. LESSON HELPS. The answers to this inquiry show that no less than nineteen different Lesson Helps are in use in the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church. Out of 575 schools reporting, the *Reformed Quarterly* is used only by 194 schools, which, however, is 59 less than last year. Possibly this apparent falling off may be accounted for by different schools using different names to designate the same Quarterly. Other Helps in use, and the number of schools reported using them are as follows: Cook's, 75; Peloubet, 62; Heidelberg, 40; Westminster, 29; De Hope, 18; German, 14; Bible Study Union, 10; Pilgrim Series, 5. These statistics will be more complete next year, if the Classes, in addition to reporting the

names of the Lesson Helps used, will take pains in all cases to report the number of schools using them.

2. SUNDAY-SCHOOL PAPERS. For the first time your Committee inquired concerning the Sunday-school papers in use in the various schools. The replies show that there are at least twenty-six different papers in the Sunday-schools of our Church. The *Day Star* leads, being reported in use in ninety-five schools. Other leading papers, and the number of schools taking them are as follows: *Cook's*, 57; *Little Learners*, 19; *Sunbeam*, 19; *Sonntag Blatt*, 19; *Child's Paper*, 9; *German*, 7; *Sabbath Reading*, 10; *Young People's Weekly*, 4; and *Happy Hours*, 5. There are about thirteen other papers, not mentioned above, used in one or two schools.

3. CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION. The catechisms reported in use and the number of schools using them are: Out of 575 schools, the Heidelberg is used in 201; Westminster Shorter, 78; Heid. Comp., 45; First Lessons in Christian Truth, 25; Milk for Babes, 10; Hellenbroek, 11; Borstius, 8; Donner, 6; Brown, 4; and a few others. Eleven more schools are reported using the Heidelberg than last year. Nearly all the schools, which have the Reformed Quarterlies, teach the Compendium. No catechetical instruction is given in 154 schools. Four still continue the use of Brown's catechism, though its use has been forbidden by the General Synod.

4. SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES. For the information of the Board of Publication, your Committee sought to ascertain how many and what schools do not order their supplies from our own Board. One hundred and ninety-two schools report that they purchase their supplies elsewhere, while a great many order only a part of their supplies from our Board of Publication. The names of these schools cannot, for obvious reasons, be given here, but they will appear on the Card Catalogue. While recognizing the fullest right of all schools to purchase their supplies wherever they choose, yet denominational loyalty would seem to suggest that the Board of our Church should be given the preference, since as good

terms can be secured there as anywhere, if not better. Many need only to have this matter called to their attention to see the force of it and to act upon it.

5. NUMBER RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION. The Sunday schools (575) report that from April, 1898, to April, 1899, 1,820 of their scholars were received into the full communion of the Church. This is an average of three for each school reporting.

6. BENEVOLENT CAUSES. Sixty-one schools report that they do not contribute to any benevolent causes. As several schools make no report under this head, the number of non-contributing schools is much larger than the number above mentioned indicates. It appears that less than one-third of the Sunday-schools contribute to the Boards of the Church. It seems to your Committee that here is an inviting field that might be profitably worked in the interest of the benevolent work of the Church. The Young People's Societies have been stirred up to their duty in the matter of giving; let the Sunday-schools be stimulated to do what they can for the same objects. Dr. Cobb has shown (Min. Gen. Syn., 1898, p. 22) that if all the non-contributing Sunday-schools should contribute on the scale of those that do give, \$20,000 might be added each year to the receipts of the Foreign Missionary Board alone.

7. HOME DEPARTMENT. The returns show that fifty-eight schools have Home Departments, with a total membership of 2,103. This is an apparent gain over last year of eleven schools and of 299 in membership, and seems to indicate that this important branch of Sunday-school work is gradually growing in favor.

8. NORMAL CLASSES. Last year forty-nine out of 521 schools reported having such classes. The returns this year show that in 575 schools there are fifty-four Normal Classes. The proportion is about the same. Doubtless in many schools the formation of a Normal Class is very difficult, and in some a practical impossibility; but doubtless also one of the imperative needs

of the times in Sunday-school work is trained teachers. If the Sunday-school is to maintain its place, it must keep abreast of the age in adopting the most enlightened methods of instruction and in securing teachers of trained efficiency. We are glad to remember that in many instances, especially in cities, where no Normal Class is reported, the teachers listen to expositions of the Sunday-school lessons, and also get suggestions as to the best methods of teaching from those who are trained Bible teachers and Sunday-school workers. It is hoped, however, that the time may come when the Normal Class will be considered a necessary adjunct of every school.

9. ORGANIZATIONS. For the first time your Committee sought to ascertain what organizations and societies exist in the Reformed Church. The returns are somewhat vague and unsatisfactory. As many Classes mention the names of societies, without giving the number of churches in which they are found, it is impossible to give full and accurate statistics. It is enough perhaps to say that the Christian Endeavor Society easily leads, being 477 in number, and that other societies, in the order of numbers, are Junior C. E., Mission Bands, Young Men's Societies, Andrew and Philip, Jr. A. and P., King's Daughters, Boys' Brigade, and Young People's Associations.

REMARKS. Speaking only of the Classes which sent in reports, there were fifty-two schools which failed to make any response to the inquiries of your Committee. It is hoped that this number will be much reduced next year, and that no school will continue to hamper the work of the Classical and Synodical Sunday-school Committees by failing to make full, prompt and accurate statistics to the authorized inquiries of General Synod.

As a result of a careful study of the statistics received this year, your Committee would venture to make one suggestion: that the Superintendents of all schools be urged to bring the enrolled membership and the average attendance closer together. As only 65 per cent. of the enrolled membership are reported as

regularly attending, it would seem that the rolls should be kept clear of dead wood, and an earnest effort should be made to secure a larger regular attendance of those who are bona-fide members of the school.

THE FRIDAY EVENING CONFERENCE.

The following program is submitted for the "Conference on Topics connected with the Training and Education of the Young." The Vice-President of Synod to preside. Addresses to be delivered by the Rev. A. C. Sewall, D.D., on "The Call to Spiritual Service;" the Rev. C. K. Clearwater on "The Purpose of Sunday-school Teaching;" and the Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., on "The Religious Training of the Children in the Home."

Two overtures were referred to your Committee. The Classis of Paramus asks that the Committee on Sunday-schools be instructed to use the phrase "received into the communion of the church," instead of "received into the church." As your Committee has already decided to use the expression "received into the full communion of the church," no further action is deemed necessary.

The Classis of Saratoga asks that the Synod approve of "A Christian Catechism," by the late Philip Schaff, D.D., and authorize its use among our churches.

As no copy of the catechism accompanies the overture, and no copy can be obtained here, your Committee recommend that a report on this catechism be made at the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. KOMMERS,
WM. H. BOOCK,
B. E. DICKHAUT.

The following supplementary report of the Committee was presented, accepted and adopted :

To your Committee has been referred the resolution: "That General Synod appoint a Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies, consisting of one represent-

ative of such affiliated organizations of young people as now or hereafter may be found existing in our churches."

Your Committee recommend that this matter be referred to a committee consisting of the Revs. Joseph R. Duryea, C. E. Wyckoff, and I. W. Gowen, to report next year.

T. J. KOMMERS,
W. H. BOOCOCK,
BENJAMIN E. DICKHAUT.

On Friday evening a public meeting was held in accordance with the program submitted by the committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the report of the Treasurer, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the same Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This Committee presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

To the General Synod :

Your Committee have received the Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions ; the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions ; Classical nominations of Agents for the Board, and a report and letters from the Chairman of the General Committee having in charge preparations for the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions in 1900.

I. THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A careful and sympathetic study of the Report of the Synod's Board of Foreign Missions has impressed your Committee with the fact that from every point of view the Church is face to face with a crisis in her Foreign Mission work.

The conditions call for immediate and united action on the part of this body. It would be both easy and interesting to present the Synod with a resume of this Report, but we presume that it will be published in the volume of the Minutes of the Synod, and copies are now ready for distribution. We therefore deem it our duty to state the conditions in their threefold aspect, and certain suggestions for your consideration.

First. The Condition of the Work on the Fields.—In China, India, Japan and Arabia our Church is to-day represented by a few men and women who in character, consecration and ability rank us all. They are our representatives. Our churches are individually pledged to give these sympathy, support and cheer, it is the first claim on their strength.

These our brothers and sisters have gathered in their several fields great companies of natives, many of whom have literally forsaken home and station and wealth for Christ's sake. In organized churches, in preaching stations, in Sunday and day schools, in orphan homes and in their own homes, in hospitals and dispensaries the Christ is made real to these. Other statistics may be uninteresting ; these are eloquent and speak a personal message to each of us. Your Committee urge on the members of Synod a study of them. We emphasize the fact that our Missionaries are aggressive ; that the past year shows results in foreign fields that are greater and more encouraging than those of the home churches ; that the evidence is *unmistakable* that Almighty God is not simply watching but co-operating in their work. In His wisdom one of these has been called from his earthly labor. The Providence that has removed Peter J. Zwemer is not inscrutable. Our Church needs the message his life, as well as his dying lips, speaks. May it move us individually, and as a communion, in the measure God would have it.

And the message to the Church from our Missionaries and fellow-Christians in these distant lands may be summed up in this word : "*For Christ's sake do not call on us to retreat.*" The prayers and the gifts of the churches

are the answers to this appeal. During the past year the answer has been, *you must retrench*. What shall it be during this fateful year of grace? As the report of the Board fully and clearly shows, such a course is wasteful, discouraging and short-sighted. Unless the Church immediately responds more loyally, liberally and generally than has been the case during the past few years churches must suspend, schools close, hospitals and homes be abandoned, as well as splendid opportunities be lost. Worse than all, the faith and hope in the Church that has sent them forth, by which our brothers and sisters live, must fail.

Such is the condition that a review of the Foreign Fields as seen through the reports of our Missionaries makes unmistakable. Your Committee beg this Synod to realize that this is a statement of fact.

Second. The Condition of Administration.—The Reformed Church in America has many reasons for gratitude but none more worthy of acknowledgement than for the wise, patient and difficult labors performed for her by her Board of Foreign Missions. Your Committee deem it their duty to give expression to the obligation the Church should feel toward the Secretary and all its members. As the agents of the Church they have given themselves freely to the work committed to them and have proven absolutely faithful to the tremendous obligation.

For even brief study of their report makes clear how great these labors are. In the long and fruitful years the Foreign Work of the Church has grown beyond what most realize. We have 86 Missionaries on the field, 448 native ministers and assistants, 42 native churches, 4,458 communicants, 23 seminaries and boarding schools with 1,100 students, 177 dayschools with 6,200 scholars, 215 Sunday-schools where 6,550 children meet, 6 hospitals and dispensaries where last year 31,000 patients were treated.

To know the conditions, to discriminate, to balance the claims, and to systematically arrange for the vital needs of these, demand the highest and most consecrated characteristics. But more difficult is the task of

making the Church understand and feel that this work is hers alone, and to incite her members to a constant and enthusiastic support.

The machinery necessary in this labor must of necessity be complicated. That it is kept in constant and harmonious motion, under the conditions, is the highest proof that superhuman power guides the Lord's servants in their faithfulness. By the circulation of Reports, periodicals, leaflets and circular letters, and by constant personal appeals the Board has sought to awaken the Church to the paramount necessity of increased support.

The results are as follows for the past year: Contributed by churches, schools, societies and individuals, \$105,000; of which \$10,000 came from one man. Interest on the Security Fund and special legacies increased this amount to \$112,000. The expenditures—except for the Arabian Mission, which is financed as a separate trust—\$121,000. There is therefore at the beginning of this year an addition of \$9,000 to the debt, which now amounts to \$49,000. The cost of administration is 7 per cent. That of the New York Life Insurance Company is 13½ per cent.

The condition then that faces the Administration is that this missionary work must be limited to such extent as the present income permits, *unless the contributions are proportionately increased.*

During the past year the Church, repudiating her pledges, has virtually told the administrative Board to abandon a part of the work God has assigned to her care.

Third. The third condition is that of our home church in her valuation of Foreign Missions.—Apportionment is a partial failure; a minority of the churches and individual members are bearing the work of the majority. The increasing demands of other objects are weakening the interest in the Redeemer's call to preach the Gospel to every creature. Most of all the materialism and selfishness of the age are sapping the loyalty of many.

The situation calls for earnest, prayerful, and self-sacrificing thought and effort on the part of the Synod and those we represent.

II. THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We deem it a privilege to commend in the highest terms this admirable statement.

The wise and thorough organization of the Board, in which every department of the work helpfully co-ordinates with the other branches, is fully set forth. The helpfulness of human sympathy is finely illustrated in the close touch of the Christian women at home and their sisters in distant lands. The consecrated enthusiasm of Officers, Managers, and Classical Committees, upheld and encouraged by constantly increasing auxiliary societies, is needed proof of the power of union in the work of Christ.

This report must be read to be appreciated, and it is useless for the Committee to attempt a summary. The *Mission Gleaner* keeps all informed of the methods, needs and value of the Mission, while the *Day Star* encourages the children. The only fear is that the men of the Church may waive their responsibility as they see their wives and sisters so resourceful and resultful. God grant that our manhood may be stimulated to greater effort by their accomplishments.

There are 555 Auxiliary Societies on the list, twenty-seven having been added during the past year. Twenty-four missionaries are under the special care of the Board.

The receipts from all sources amounted to \$33,029, of which \$31,062 were paid to Synod's Board.

III. ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, to be held in New York City, April 21st to May 1st, 1900. A pamphlet of fifteen pages sets forth the aim and scope of this gathering, which will undoubtedly be the greatest of the kind ever held. Our Church is expected to take a leading part in this convention.

IV. CLASSICAL NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee have received from eight of our

thirty-three home Classes nominations for Classical Agents for the Board of Foreign Missions.

V. C. E. MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Your Committee would specially and heartily commend the Young People of the C. E. Missionary League for their generous support of the great cause, and bid them maintain and increase their efforts for Him who calls them to this service.

VI. SUMMARY.

Such, in unperfect outline, seems to your committee the conditions that face the Church to-day, as the problem of her Foreign Mission work is presented by her agents; and such are the means at hand for its solution.

VII. RESOLUTIONS.

In view of these facts your committee submit to the deliberate consideration of Synod the following resolutions:

1. That we thank the officers and missionaries of our Foreign Board for their inspiring and constant labors in the work to which we have called them, and commend them to every church of our communion.

2. That a special effort be made, beginning with the members of this Synod, to immediately meet the present debt of the Board.

3. That the sum of \$120,000, aside from legacies and interest on invested funds, be approved by the Synod as the least amount that will suffice to meet the requirements of our Missions.

4. That the General Synod instruct the Board to employ a missionary, well qualified for the purpose, to lay before the churches the opportunities and needs of the work. Should this be impossible we authorize the Board to seek to obtain for a few months the services of the Rev. John G. Fagg for this purpose.

5. That the Board be authorized to apportion the amount required for the conduct of its work among the

various Classes, and that we urge each church to regard such sum as the minimum amount that is necessary to maintain the cause she is called to uphold and extend. We recommend that consistories, at the earliest possible date, begin to meet such apportionment.

6. We recommend that the churches during this year and 1900 make a monthly offering for Foreign Missions; and that a special effort be made to secure the increased interest of Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies, and that monthly meetings of prayer for Missions be held in every church.

7. That this church join her sister churches in making the Ecumenical Conference of 1900 worthy of the great cause for which it is called, and instruct the Board to take such action as it deems necessary to this end.

8. That the first Lord's Day of November next be set aside by all the churches for prayer for Foreign Missions. That on this day Pastors present to their people the cause, and that each church then make a special offering for the work.

9. That the *Mission Field*, *Gleaner*, and *Day Star* are commended to the Church, and that, if practical, the Board have prepared a life of the Rev. Peter J. Zwemer, to be published at a low price, for general circulation.

10. That the Synod commend the Students' Summer Campaign, and recommend the churches to encourage the young men in their endeavor to awaken new interest in Foreign Missions, especially among our young people.

11. That the members of the Board whose terms now expire be re-elected, namely,

Rev. D. Sage Mackay, D.D., Mr. W. L. Brower,

“ Lewis Francis, D.D.,

“ J. P. Searle, D.D.,

“ E. G. Reed, D.D.,

“ W. H. Van Steenberg,

“ Joseph C. Pool,

“ Richard B. Ferris.

12. That the nominations for Classical Agents for Foreign Missions be confirmed, and that all the Classes be urged to appoint such Agents.

13. That the Synod approve the effort to raise \$12,000 for the regular work of the Arabian Mission.

14. That at the Foreign Mission Meeting this evening the Rev. James F. Zwemer preside, the Rev. E. W. Stapelkamp lead in prayer, and that addresses be made by Rev. William I. Chamberlain, Rev. Prof. J. P. Searle, Rev. Charles J. Scudder.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH R. DURYEE, *Chairman*,
A. C. SEWALL,
WM. P. BRUCE,
E. W. STAPELKAMP,
E. S. JOHNSON,
T. G. HUIZINGA.

Pending the adoption of the report the Synod was addressed by Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, Mr. Francis Bacon, and Rev. John G. Fagg, members of the Board.

A popular meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions was held on Monday evening. The exercises were in accordance with the program reported by the Committee on Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, with the Treasurer's Report was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Executive Committee on Domestic Missions was received and referred to the same committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

This Committee presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund respectfully submit their report.

The following documents have been referred to your Committee for consideration :

The Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions.

An overture to the General Synod from the Board of Domestic Missions in relation to the amending of their charter so as to permit our missionaries to engage in evangelistic work which may not immediately eventuate in the founding of new churches of our denomination.

A communication from the Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., concerning his work among the freedmen at Orangeburg, South Carolina.

A list of nominations for Classical Agents for the Board of Domestic Missions.

1. We congratulate the Board of Domestic Missions upon its cheering report of progress, of growth, slow but steady. True it is, as stated, that results have not reached the measure of desire or purpose, but disappointment in this regard should not lead to discouragement when purpose is high and success creates not content but rather a deeper yearning and stronger resolve to obtain the things not yet within our grasp. God help us when we become satisfied with ourselves and our work.

We firmly believe that one of the greatest hindrances to the advancement of the Reformed Church in America is the average member's content with things as they are, their dread of innovation and the enlargement of responsibility. May not this account for the statement which our Board is compelled to make at the beginning of its report?

It has long been felt that our ancient Church is far behind the position she should occupy in the home-land at this period of her history, and for this there is no valid excuse. To be

" A little garden, walled around,
Chosen and made peculiar ground,"

may have some attractive features and may conduce to ease and comfort in lessening the sense of responsibility,

but it is not the condition which promotes obedience to our Lord's commands, and which most readily welcomes the Holy Ghost power with the sure result of witnessing for Jesus "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

This land belongs to God. The Reformed Church of America is responsible before God for her part in the work of evangelizing this land; and it behooves us to ask and answer the question, "Is the Reformed Church doing for America what God expects her to do?"

What does our Board of Domestic Missions need? More money? Yes! More men? Yes! But before it can obtain more money and more men our individual churches must be supplied with certain things, and unless they are thus supplied, the money and the men will not be forthcoming for our Board.

What then do our churches need in order that they may be ready and willing to supply that which is lacking in our Board?

First, they need to realize the duty and responsibility of the individual church member in this work of the Domestic Board. The Board seems so remote from the average member that he forgets a very vital relationship exists between him and it. Carrying the Gospel to those in neglected fields is not the exclusive prerogative of the missionary, so-called; he cannot carry that Gospel at all unless the means be supplied. How can they preach unless they be sent; and after they have been sent, how can they preach unless they be supported; and how can they be supported if the individuals of our churches are withholding their support? If we all are true Christians in the sight of our Master, then we all are missionaries, then we all are heralds; and the sooner we, as ministers, press upon the minds and hearts of our people this lesson of individualism, the better for our Board, and the greater the probability that we shall be able to do for America what God expects us to do.

Second, we need a better informed and more intelligent Church membership in regard to our Domestic work. We all are aware how amazingly ignorant is the bulk of

Church membership concerning our missionary work in the West. We publish missionary periodicals, we hold occasional public meetings, listen to stirring addresses and sermons, but a large proportion of our Church members obstinately decide to remain ignorant of the work that is being done.

Can we wonder that our Mission Boards suffer?

Another thing that is needed is prayer. We think of missions too much as an enterprise of the Church and too little as the work of God. Behind all other causes of perplexity there lies one lack that is radical and fundamental, namely, the lack of believing prayer, and until that lack is supplied we need not look for large growth.

These are principles, to be sure, that apply to all missionary work, but they apply with peculiar force to the work of our Domestic Board, as that work is related to us as citizens of this country. Is it not natural for us to have the welfare of our country very near to our hearts? If our Christian philanthropy is not broad enough to reach out unto the uttermost ends of the earth, patriotism, at any rate, should prompt us to lay hold of principles or make use of opportunities which shall certainly tend to the elevation and prosperity of our countrymen.

In examining the Report of the Board we note, first, its financial condition as compared with that of last year. For the year 1897-1898 there was received from all sources for both the Missionary and Church Building Funds \$84,699.63; and for the year 1898-1899, \$83,870.28. This shows the receipts of the past year to be \$829.35 less than those of the previous year. In 1897-1898 it was a large legacy of \$15,000 that saved the Board from a distressing debt. Last year the noble gift of \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees saved the Board from a similar misfortune. By careful expenditure the debt of \$4,947.05, reported last year, has been decreased to \$3,226.

As the Treasurer's complete statement of receipts and expenditures will be found in its place in the printed report, we deem further reference to it here unnecessary.

No part of the Report of the Board is more interest-

ing than the tabular statements of the gifts from the various churches. These represent results, on the one hand of consecrated offering out of gratitude for bounties received and out of love for the Master's cause, and on the other hand of the Church reaching out to aid mostly those on the frontier too feeble still for self-support. This report registers the spiritual temperature of the individual congregations of our Church. Many favored and self-supporting churches seem to be concerned only about self while other churches, receiving aid, contribute amounts double those apportioned to and expected from them. Some of the columns of the Classes look haggard and broken while others are continuous, solid and substantial. We believe that the Classical Agents should study the defects and seek to remedy them. Surely every church in our denomination should be represented in the offerings to our Board.

We note with deep interest the report of the Field Secretary, Rev. W. W. Clark, who, during the past year, has been employed in presenting the cause of the Board in our churches East and West, in soliciting gifts from many of our individual members, and in addressing various Classes, missionary and other conventions. Where the way has been clear he has given Bible Readings and evangelistic sermons, thus imparting spiritual blessings as well as seeking financial aid. Especial mention should be made of the interesting and instructive articles from his pen which have appeared in the *Christian Intelligencer*. These have been exceedingly helpful, giving many new ideas of our Western field and by their original and unique character commanding the attention and interest of our people.

The Board acknowledges its indebtedness to *The Mission Field* and *The Day Star* which have been made more attractive this past year than ever before, and praises the department of young people's work which, in its continued aggressiveness, is stimulating our young people to an interest in missions.

An act of the Board which should not be overlooked is that relating to certain petitions to Congress.

The Board, in December last united with the Home Mission Boards of other religious denominations in petitioning the Congress of the United States, first, against government appropriations for séctarian purposes and especially against the continuance of government support of Roman Catholic Schools among the American Indians.

2d. Against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, an avowed polygamist, as a member of the Fifty-six Congress.

The Boards uniting in these petitions besides our own were those of the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

In view of the foregoing facts presented by the report of the Board we respectfully recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the sum, equal to that applied to Foreign Missions, namely \$120,000, including whatever may be received for the Church Building Fund, be declared as the least sum that can adequately meet the needs of the Board of Domestic Missions during the present fiscal year; that the Board be authorized to apportion this sum among the various classes, and that pastors, officers and members of our Churches be urged to do their utmost to raise this amount.

Resolved, That the fourth Sabbath of February be set apart by all our Churches, for prayer for our country and for Domestic Missions, and that, so far as may be, sermons be preached upon the subject and special offerings be made for the Board of Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That we congratulate the Board upon the efficient aid it has received through the faithful labors of its Field Secretary, Rev. Wm. Walton Clark, und that we again most heartily commend Mr. Clark to the Churches.

Resolved, That this Synod again emphatically commends the Christian Endeavor Missionary League to all our Churches, and urge upon all our Young People's Missionary Organizations, not now otherwise closely connected with our denominational work, that they affiliate

themselves with the League and heartily support its methods and objects.

Resolved, That the *Mission Field* and *Day Star* be commended to our Churches and that pastors be urged to use their influence in securing their general circulation.

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be commended for its action in uniting with the Home Mission Boards of other denominations to memorialize the Congress of the United States. First, against government appropriations for sectarian purposes, and especially against the continuance of government support of Roman Catholic Schools among the American Indians. Second, against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts of Utah, an avowed polygamist, as a member of the Fifty-sixth Congress.

2. An examination of the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions reveals a most cheering and encouraging condition. This has been the most successful year's work since its organization.

The total receipts for the year were : \$23,166.20, \$17,781.85 going into the General Fund and \$5,384.35 to the Indian work. This is an increase over the amount received for the year ending April 30th, 1898, of \$3,052.16, a most encouraging increase during a period when the war made such serious inroads on the funds of many of the auxiliaries, whose members gave largely through the Red Cross Societies.

Four churches and three parsonages have been erected and much repairing of property has been done. The committee have guaranteed the salaries of the Classical Missionaries in Dakota and Pleasant Prairie Classes, have assumed the support of every "student missionary" to be sent to the home field, East or West, this summer, a work which cannot be too strongly commended, and are anticipating new work among the "Mountain Whites" of the South, and especially among the Apaches in Oklahoma as a direct result of the magnificent campaign that is being carried on by our faithful and efficient Indian missionaries. God bless the women of our Church who

are putting forth such noble efforts and accomplishing such grand results. These are the women who in their Christian activities remember Mary who first bore the tidings of a risen Christ, Phœbe the Deaconess, Priscilla who taught even Apollos, and that nameless woman of Samaria, who forgot her waterpot in her zeal to tell even the men of Sychar what a Saviour she had found. Your committee would recommend for adoption the following :

Resolved, That we congratulate the Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions upon their faithful and noble work of the past year ; that we recognize with profound gratitude their blessed and inspiring influence upon the benevolences of our churches, and that we solicit for the work of their committee the hearty co-operation of all the women of our Church.

3. The overture from the Board of Domestic Missions, asking for permission to amend the charter of the Board, reads as follows :

Resolved, That the Board memorialize the General Synod, asking for permission to take steps legally to amend the charter of the Board, so as to permit our missionaries to engage in evangelistic work, which may not immediately eventuate in the founding of new churches of our denomination.

In examining the charter your committee find that at present the Board is hampered in its work, because debarred from using any of the funds except for work which may already be known as denominational. And there can be no general complaint against this provision ; but there are times when pioneer or preparatory work becomes necessary, as, for example, the educational work among the freedmen of the South. At present the Board is prevented from entering upon such an undertaking because the charter expressly states that its funds shall be used for "aiding weak and founding new churches." Such work as mentioned above would, of course, eventually result in the founding of new churches, but being educational only at the outset, it falls outside of the privileges of the charter. Your committee, having the utmost confidence in the administration of the Board,

and believing that a little more liberty is desirable and may properly be allowed would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That permission be granted the Board to take steps legally to amend its charter, so as to allow our missionaries to engage in evangelistic work which may not immediately eventuate in the founding of new churches.

4. In the communication from the Rev. W. L. Johnson, D.D., concerning his work among the freedmen at Orangeburg, South Carolina, which matter has been brought to the attention of Synod for several years past, mention is made of the organization during the last year of two new mission churches and eighty-five Sunday-schools, into which have been gathered three thousand neglected and destitute children. The work is educational as well as evangelistic, and without denominational connection.

The communication contains a hint to the effect that a Classis, to be composed of three churches, could be formed whenever our Synod might deem it proper or desirable.

As no petition for recognition or aid appears in this communication, and as our Domestic Board has already been compelled for excellent reasons to abandon, for the present, the project of a mission in the South, your Committee would suggest that no action is necessary further than an acknowledgment by the Stated Clerk of the communication.

The following nominations have been made for Classical Missionary Agents for the Board of Domestic Missions. We recommend the confirmation of the same.

Classis of Greene, - - -	Rev. W. D. Ward,
" Holland, - - -	" G. De Jonge,
South Classis of Long Island,	" P.V. Van Buskirk,
Classis of Hudson, - - -	" George H. Burrill,
" Montgomery, - - -	" Wm. A. Wurtz,
" Passaic, - - -	" Jasper S. Hogan,
	(two years)
" Raritan, - - -	" Henry B. Allen,
" Schenectady, - - -	" Robert J. Hogan.

The terms of office of the following named members of the Board expire with this meeting of Synod.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, D.D., Rev. Wm. J. Harsha, D.D.,
" Alfred H. Brush, D.D., " Herman Vandewart,
" Wm. H. Vroom, D.D., Mr. Nelson Jacobus,
" David J. Burrell, D.D., " Hamilton V. Meeks.

Your Committee would recommend the re-election of these persons to serve for the ensuing three years.

It is suggested that the following arrangement be made for the public meeting to be held this evening in the interest of Domestic Missions.

The Rev. T. J. Kommers to preside. The Rev. John Hart to offer prayer. Addresses to be delivered by Revs. Jacob Van der Meulen, Ferdinand S. Schenck and William Walton Clark.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDGAR TILTON, JR.,
WM. BANCROFT HILL,
HENRY STRAKS,
THOMAS BELL,
H. BEYERS.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. C. H. Pool, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, addressed the Synod on the work of the Board, and Rev. A. De Witt Mason addressed the Synod on Young People's Missionary Work.

On Tuesday evening a popular meeting in the interests of Domestic Missions was held. The exercises were in accordance with the program reported by the Committee on Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE X.

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

This Committee presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

To the General Synod :

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report that there have been placed in their hands a communication from the Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1898 to translate the Liturgy of the Church into the German language, and the Annual Report of the Board of Publication.

I. Beginning with the first, the Committee appointed last year inform us through their chairman, the Rev. A. F. Beyer of German Valley, Ill.:

(1) That the work entrusted to the Committee has not been carried out by reason of the members thereof being geographically too much scattered ; and the members, the chairman included, should be taken either from the Eastern or Western portion of our German churches.

(2) That not all that is in the Liturgy being either needed or asked for, but only the compilation and translation of the Forms, the undertaking would be much easier and the expense proportionately less.

(3) That up to date (June 3, 1899,) no definite answer has been received from the Board of Publication as to the Board's financial ability to publish this apparently much needed translation.

We recommend :

1. That in harmony with the suggestion offered a new Committee be hereby appointed from the EASTERN portion of the land as being in closer proximity to the Board of Publication, and that this Committee shall consist of the Revs. J. H. Oerter, E. A. Meury and F. C. Erhardt, with the privilege of enlarging their number should it be deemed necessary.

2.—That it shall be left to the judgment of this Committee as to whether the Liturgy shall be translated in whole or in part.

3.—That the translation being completed the Board

of Publication be instructed to publish the same, as soon as the funds of the Board shall permit it.

II. The Report of the Board of Publication for the year just closed, has been distributed among the members of Synod. It has received the careful attention of your Committee, and we gladly say that it furnishes abundant reason for our congratulations to the Board and for gratitude to Almighty God. The recommendation made by the General Synod of 1897, to place the Board's interests on an improved business basis has been carried out by the Board to the letter. A young man of business education, in the person of Mr. Louis E. Turk, has been secured. He brings to the work of the Board experience and capacity in this particular line of work, while the Board has also retained, at a nominal salary, Mr. Richard Brinkerhoff, in appreciation of his many years of valuable service and also for the sake of his further advice and continued helpfulness. Your Committee are of the opinion that the Board has done great and good things whereof we are glad. Again do we tender them our congratulations and give thanks to God. But Mr. President, fathers and brethren, what has been so nobly brought about through prayer and earnest endeavor will be in vain unless our Church as a whole, inspired by that denominational loyalty and enthusiasm that characterize other ecclesiastical bodies, shall respond by rallying around the Board of Publication and giving it our general and undivided support. Brethren, listen! The Board of Publication appearing before the Church as one of her recognized agencies says: We ask at present for no wider field of patronage than the constituency found in the Reformed Church of America. To this constituency we make our earnest appeal. We are prepared to offer all Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor supplies at lowest current prices. Will you strengthen our denominational life and demonstrate your loyalty by giving us a fair trial?

Your Committee unanimously and heartily recommend the following resolutions:

1.—That the thanks of the General Synod be tendered

to the Board of Publication for what under the guidance of the great Head of the Church they have accomplished during the past year in the change of the business management.

2.—That we do most earnestly request all our pastors, all Superintendents of Sunday-schools and all Christian Endeavor Societies to order their respective supplies from our Board of Publication and from that Board only, and that, as a matter of duty and privilege, we rally around the Board, realizing that “Eendracht maakt macht.” “In unity is strength,” and make this Board one of the strongest and most efficient agencies for the good of our Church and for the glory of God.

3.—That in the consideration of the benevolent work carried on by the Board of Publication an annual offering shall be made for this Board by every Church in our Communion.

4.—That the following ministers and elders be appointed members of the Board of Publication for the ensuing year :

Ministers.

Rev. A. J. Sebring,
 “ T. Powell Vernol,
 “ T. J. Kommers,
 “ H. M. Cox,

Elders.

Marshal H. Bright,
 Wm. Gordon Verplanck,
 Geo. C. Morgan,
 A. C. Holdrum,
 Ward B. Chamberlain,
 W. R. Bennett.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. OGGEL, *Chairman*,
 G. Z. COLLIER,
 W. V. D. STRONG,
 A. M. TRAVERS,
 A. S. VANDERZEE.

Pending the adoption of the report the Synod was addressed by Rev. I. W. Gowen in behalf of the Board.

JUNE, 1899.

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ARTICLE XI.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund presented the following report. It was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee on the Widows' Fund respectfully Reports:

The usual papers from the Board of Direction have been placed in our hands, and they embody what is called the Widows' Fund Account, and the Widows' Fund Income Account. From a careful examination we find receipts and disbursements made by the Treasurer of the Board as follows :

The Widows' Fund account closes the year with this Credit :

CR.

1898.

May 1. By balance from last account.....	\$105,833 04
Feb. 3. Cash legacy of Sarah Bayly on account	375 00
April 30. Annual payment by churches for pastors.....	1,152 02
April 30. 3 per cent. on \$3,000 aggregate amount of principal sums paid at one time by ministers.....	90 00
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	\$107,450 06

DR.

1899.

April 30. To transfer to income account one-half of the payments by churches for pastors... \$ 576 01	
April 30. Discount on premium on R. R. bonds for one year.....	90 17
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	666 18
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Amount of Fund to date.....	\$106,783 88

The Widows' Fund Income account is equally interesting. It is as follows :

CR.

1898.

May 1. By balance from last account.....	\$1,987 15
April 30. By cash annual payments by ministers	2,479 48
" Transfer from Widows' Fund, collec-	
tions from churches, etc.....	1,617 03
April 30. Transfer from Widows' Fund one-half	
of the payment by churches for pastors....	576 01
April 30. Cash received for interest.....	4,862 60
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	\$11,522 27

DR.

1898.

May 2. To cash paid annuitants.....	\$4,375 00
Nov. 1. " " " "	4,576 65

1899.

April 30. To 3 per cent. on \$3,000, aggregate	
amount of principal sums paid at one time	
by ministers.....	90 00
April 30. To cash apportionment of Treasurer's	
salary, expenses of office, etc.....	360 42
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	9,402 07
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	\$2,120 20

Of our 633 churches but 206 have contributed to this Fund during the year, against 195 given in last year's report. Their contributions aggregate \$2,591.62, averaging \$12.50 to each church, making an offering, or giving the credit to the whole Church, \$4 60 per church.

These figures make it appear surely that the annual appeal of the Fund has not reached the churches' heart nor has its importance as meeting the needs of our worn out clergy and their helpless ones yet gotten a deep hold upon the sympathies of our people. The very fact that a generally underpaid clergy give within \$112 as much towards this fund to hold their interest in it as the whole Church shows how highly they prize its help and how eagerly, at often a great sacrifice, they contribute to a fund that can do so much to comfort and support in helpless days.

Knowing how often an over-sensitive minister shrinks from asking his consistory to set aside a yearly offering

toward securing him a benefit in this Fund, your Committee would recommend the adoption of this resolution:

Resolved, that the various Classes call the attention of the consistories under their care to the imperative needs of this Fund, and urge upon them the privilege of assuming wholly or in part such annual payments toward this Fund as shall give their pastor the full benefit of it.
Also

Resolved, that the Classical Agent press the importance of this Fund more and more upon the churches, and urge in addition to what they may do for their pastors an annual offering.

Nominations for Classical Agents have come to us as follows :

Classis of Hudson—Rev. F. V. VanVranken,

“ “ Passaic—Mr. Garret Planten,

“ “ Raritan—Rev. T. Walker Jones.

Your Committee recommend that they be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. VAN SLYKE,
J. HOFFMAN,
F. S. BARNUM,
WM. J. HASTEN,
P. F. CONOVER.

ARTICLE XII.

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Rev. Peter Stryker a member of special Committee on Disabled Ministers' Fund presented his report. Report accepted and referred to Committee on Disabled Ministers' Fund. It is as follows :

REPORT WITH REFERENCE TO THE DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

You were pleased last year to appoint a Committee of four to look after the Disabled Ministers' Fund, and to

stir up an interest in the churches with reference to it. The especial field assigned me was the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

One of elders in last year's Synod was Mr. Wm. P. Millar, of Ridgewood, N. J., and connected with the Classis of Paramus. This brother expressed a great desire to do something in this direction. According to the resolution you passed in appointing your committee, at his request, and with the approval of the Board of Directors, I appointed Mr. Millar as my assistant, with the understanding that his work would be to obtain funds for permanent investment, and that his field would be the Particular Synod of New Brunswick. Of course he could get an appointment from the brethren or the Committee representing the other Particular Synod, to labor in their bounds, but I could only appoint him to labor in bounds of my jurisdiction. I think Mr. Millar has reported directly to the General Synod, and I need not therefore rehearse his story.

My business has been to try and create a greater interest among our pastors and churches within the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in taking up annual collections for the Disabled Ministers' Fund. I found that of the 143 Churches in our boundary 72 Churches, the year before my appointment, had taken no collection for this object, and that the aggregate amount of the funds contributed that year for this purpose was very small. I accordingly issued a circular in which I briefly stated the importance of the subject, and I begged the delinquent churches to contribute something, and the other churches to increase their benefactions. This circular was sent to every church and pastor, and I believe it was kindly received, and I trust has borne fruit.

Will the Synod allow me to say, I have studied this subject for many years, and I believe the time has come for an advance. The Church only needs to be educated and stimulated in this matter. We have wealth enough and willingness enough, but it must be drawn out. Some one should make a business of attending to this important work. He should not be an old man, nor a very

young man for obvious reasons. If one of our vigorous ministers, located as pastor near New York City, or in the metropolis, could be found who, for one day in each week, and for a reasonable compensation, would give his mind and heart to this work, it would be money well spent.

This business will not run itself, it must have some one to push it in whom we all have confidence, some man who can reach the ears, and hearts and pockets of our people. To begin with, such a man might be found, who for \$1,000 a year (half of this for his expenses, and half for his services) would do the work. This could be raised by an extra capita tax of one cent on each of our members. The appointment of this man could be referred to a special committee or put in charge of our excellent Board of Direction.

I am aware this is a very crude report. I have done the best I could. If I had been a younger man, or had had more financial ability at my disposal I would have tried to accomplish more in furthering this very important cause. But I beg the ministers and elders of this Synod, do not drop this subject. Better provision should be made for the care of our worthy aged and disabled pastors, and the widows and orphans of those who have gone to their rest after serving the Church faithfully for many years.

Should we not have a Permanent Committee, who will study this subject and constantly urge the people to a greater interest in it?

Perhaps the brethren who were appointed by you last year to represent this matter in the bounds of the other Particular Synods will be able to suggest something more practical than I have. I regret that we have not been able to meet together and compare notes.

Very respectfully submitted,

P. STRYKER.

Asbury Park, N. J., June 7, 1899.

The Committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

There have been referred to your Committee on the Disabled Ministers' Fund a financial statement by the Treasurer of General Synod, also communications from the General Synod's agents in the Particular Synods of New Brunswick and Chicago, and nominations for agencies from the Classes of Passaic, Raritan and Hudson.

The Treasurer of General Synod reports an endowment of \$63,293.13, an income consisting of the balance from last account of \$2,723.64, of collections to the amount of \$3,200.43, of personal contributions to the amount of \$108.50, and of interest from investments to the amount of \$2,908.97 ; the total being \$8,940.64. The expenditures were \$6,482.60, paid out to those benefited by the Fund, and expenses for salaries. etc , amounting to \$215.55, leaving a balance of \$2,242.59, being \$481.05 less than the balance of last year.

That year the expenditures were less than the income by \$812, there being a diminution of balance of nearly \$1,300 in two years. At that rate of diminution there would be no balance on hand after three more years.

The number of those benefited is forty-four. The expenses of salary, etc., are about three per cent., ninety-seven per cent. going directly to the annuitants. About one-third of our churches contribute to this fund.

The communications from the Synod's agents in the Particular Synods of New Brunswick and Chicago, show that there is somewhat of an increase of interest in this cause among the churches. The Synodical agent from Chicago reports that he has addressed a communication to every consistory within the bounds of said Synod, and that he has received responses from some churches promising a contribution in the future.

Dr. P. Stryker reports that he has labored in the interests of this cause, and had appointed W. T. Millar of Ridgewood, as his assistant. Mr. Millar advocates in his report the securing of an endowment of \$100,000, to be paid in five yearly instalments.

The Classis of Hudson has nominated for its agent F. V. Van Vranken; the Classis of Passaic, Mr. Gerrit Planten, and the Classis of Raritan, Rev. T. Walker Jones.

We shall not vex the ears of Synod with "A Tale of the Dismal Swamp." Neither is the condition of the Disabled Minister a fit subject for such a tale. He has frequently set forth that "man wants but little here below," and, if also aged, it is truer of him than ever before, "nor wants that little long." He may say with the aged Barzillai, "Can I discern between good and evil? Can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink?" Barzillai said to David, "How long have I to live that I should go up with the King unto Jerusalem?" The aged minister knows that ere long he will meet the King in the heavenly Jerusalem, to sit down at the table of his Master. And while Barzillai said, "Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women?" the aged servant of God knows that his deaf ears will soon be unstopped to be regaled by the songs and music of heaven. What matters it therefore to him if his bodily wants are scantily supplied when he is so near the end of all events, and so near to the satisfactions of Heaven. If he has a wife, he and she know that if she survives she, by his death, becomes the heir to one of the richest promises given by God, that she will secure a better husband than her former one, however good he may have been. As to the children, poverty will do them good; strengthen their character, develop them into self-made men and women, and give grace and opportunity to work in them the miracle of love for the church; and if they are sons, love for that ministry in which their fathers lived and died.

The contributions of the one-third of our churches that contributed were small. It takes but a cup of cold water given to a disciple to receive the reward of a disciple. Let the churches that did not contribute also give their cup of water to the disabled traveller as he climbs the steep ascent to the pearly gates.

Your Committee would recommend to Synod the following :

While they appreciate the good features of the plan proposed by Mr. Millar, yet in view of the fact that this year the claims of the Theological Seminary have the right of way, it would seem best to postpone the consideration of this plan.

We would recommend also the continuance of the agencies for this fund in the Particular Synods, the confirmation of the nominations by the Classes that made them, also the payment to Dr. Stryker of the \$6.00 expended by him in the prosecution of the interests of this work.

We would urge the Classes that have not as yet made nominations to make them as soon as possible.

We would continue to call the attention of all our churches to this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB VAN DER MEULEN,
F. H. MACKENZIE,
WM. G. VAN ETTEN,
U. E. TERWILLIGER,
E. W. GREENE.

ARTICLE XIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

The Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following papers have been referred to it, *viz.* :

1. An overture from the Particular Synod of New York asking the General Synod to instruct the Board of Direction to hold and invest funds, whenever requested, which may be left for the endowment of weak churches.

2. An overture from the South Classis of Long Island, to so enlarge the designation and duties of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction as to give it the care and oversight of all forms of young people's organizations.

3. The action of the Particular Synod of Albany, concerning the appropriation of \$1,000 by the General Synod towards the erection of a chapel for the church at Asbury Park.

I. With reference to the overture from the Particular Synod of New York, there appears to be no question as to the wisdom of its suggestion. The same argument, however, that might influence prospective benefactors of weak churches would undoubtedly have weight very often where the interests were involved of such churches as could not, strictly speaking, be placed in that category. We recommend, therefore, that the following action be taken:

Resolved, that the Board of Direction be instructed to hold and to invest such funds as may be entrusted to it for the benefit of any of our churches whenever it shall be requested to do so, and to disburse the income from the same according to the wishes of the donor.

II. The overture from the South Classis of Long Island asks for an enlargement of the scope of the work of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools and Catechetical Instruction. If its suggestions were carried out, the duties of the Committee would involve the care and oversight of all forms of young people's organizations that may exist within the Church. This would be imposing an additional and apparently unnecessary burden upon an important committee of the Synod which already appears to be fully occupied with the work it has now in hand, and in addition, would be giving a certain official and ecclesiastical standing to various miscellaneous and extra-ecclesiastical societies which, in the judgment of your Committee, would be unwise. The useful work in which many of these societies are engaged could, no doubt, be quite as effectually encouraged and promoted in some other way. It is recommended, therefore, that no action be taken on the overture from the South Classis of Long Island.

III. There has also been referred to your Committee a certified copy of the action of the Particular Synod of Albany in the matter of the appropriation by the Synod of 1898 of \$1,000 from the surplus of the Synod's Enter-

tainment Fund towards the erection of a chapel for the church at Asbury Park. It is as follows :

The Particular Synod of Albany at its recent session took the following action, and ordered it sent up to the General Synod :

“ *Inasmuch* as General Synod has appropriated \$1,000, surplus of Synod’s Entertainment Fund, to the erection of a chapel for the church of Asbury Park, therefore,

“ *Resolved*, as expressing the feeling of this Particular Synod, that the action is a gross perversion of the money of Synod, and a serious violation of trust funds, and we hereby express our entire disapprobation of this act.”

[A true copy.]

C. P. DITMARS.

Stated Clerk Particular Synod of Albany.

In view of the fact, however, that the General Synod has frequently enjoyed the hospitality of the church at Asbury Park, and that the comfort and convenience of the Synod, not less than the well-being of that church is likely to be promoted, hereafter, by the erection of the proposed chapel, it is difficult for your Committee to understand how there can be any perversion of a trust fund by the appropriation of money towards the erection of a building in which the Synod is to be entertained and from which it is to receive a distinctive *quid pro quo*, in addition to the many favors which the Synod has already enjoyed at the hands of the church in question. The contribution of the Synod is not so much in the nature of a charity as it is a recognition of a plain, moral obligation. Furthermore, it does not appear to your Committee expedient to traverse the action of a previous Synod, that action having been already consummated. We suggest that having recorded the protest of the Particular Synod of Albany no further recommendation is necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. COX,
G. DANGREMOND,
CORNELIUS SCHENCK,
H. W. HOAGLAND,
MARSHAL H. BRIGHT, *Committee.*

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL MINUTES AND REFERENCES.

The minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, New Brunswick and New York were received and placed in the hands of the Committee on Synodical Minutes and References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes and References presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes and References would make the following report :

The minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, New Brunswick and New York, were sent by their respective stated clerks to the General Synod for examination and a copy of the minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, was obtained by the courtesy of a member of General Synod. We would suggest that the attention of the stated clerk of the Particular Synod of Chicago, be called to this oversight.

Having examined these several minutes of Particular Synods of New Brunswick, New York and Chicago we find nothing demanding the attention of General Synod.

In those of Albany was an overture in reference to the \$1,000 gift to Asbury Park Church, which has been brought to the attention of the Synod by the Committee on Overtures.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GOUGH BIRCHBY,
R. A. PEARSE,
C. VAN OOSTENBRUGGE,
EZRA LINK,
H. W. DAVIS.

ARTICLE XV.

JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

The Committee on Judicial Business beg leave herewith to report :

There has been placed in our hands a communication from Wm. F. Johnson, counsellor-at-law in behalf of certain clients of his, designated as the Civil Corporation of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, recording a request for the expunging from the records of Synod "the fact of presentation and receipt of a mosaic portrait of the late Rev. Geo. W. Bethune," and the acknowledging of its receipt from the Civil Corporation represented by Wm. F. Johnson.

In the minutes of Synod of 1897 p. 621. and of 1898 p. 153, your committee find this matter treated of at length and as it seems to them in an exhaustive way.

Your Committee recommend therefore the following:
Resolved, That this General Synod can add nothing to the deliverance of last year upon this matter.

Resolved, That any further correspondence on this subject be referred to the Board of Direction with power.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. BERG,

For the whole committee.

Chairman.

F. M. KIPP,

H. P. CRAIG,

ARTHUR P. SUTPHENS,

HOWARD M. VAN CLEEF,

HERMAN C. BERG,

Chairman.

Committee on

Judicial Business.

ARTICLE XVI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully reports that the following papers have been referred to it :

The reports of Rev. E. C. Oggel, D.D., Corresponding Delegate to the Reformed Church in the United States, with a copy of his letter to that body ; of the Rev.

Jesse W. Brooks, Ph.D., Corresponding Delegate to the Evangelical Churches of Italy, stating that he had represented our Church by letter and had sent copies of the Minutes of General Synod of 1898 and of Dr. Demarest's History of the Reformed Church in America to their Stated Clerk; of the Rev. A. J. Sebring, Corresponding Delegate to the Presbyterian Church in Canada; also of the Rev. H. M. Cox, to the Evangelical Lutheran Church; of the Rev. A. Brush, to the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; of the Rev. Peter De Pree, to the Presbyterian Church of the United States, with a copy of his letter to that body. All of whom have fulfilled the duties assigned them.

The credentials of Rev. H. C. Swearingen, of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, were presented, and the brother was heard by the Synod and responded to most fittingly by President Bishop.

A communication from the Rev. John F. Cannon, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in reply to the letter sent by our Delegate to that body; and also one from Rev. Robert Campbell, Clerk of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in reply to a letter from our Delegate to that body.

A communication from the Holland Christian Reformed Church, announcing that they had considered and accepted a proposal to enter into correspondence with our church.

Your Committee would recommend that such correspondence be established, and that Rev. John H. Karsten, D.D., be hereby appointed our delegate to the Holland Christian Reformed Church.

A communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, reminding us that that body will meet at Groningen on August 15, 1899, and inviting us to send delegates to that meeting, and to send their names as soon as possible that they may make timely arrangements for their reception and entertainment.

Your Committee would recommend that this invitation be accepted, and that the Revs. James F. Zwemer and E. C. Oggel, D.D., be appointed our representatives to that body, and that the Stated Clerk send their names to F. Lion Cachet, No. 18 Kruiskade, Secretary of Foreign Correspondence at Rotterdam, Holland, as soon as possible.

The report of the Executive Commission, Western Section, of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System, and a printed manual of the Alliance with a brief history of the same by Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D., the American Secretary.

In these we are reminded that the Seventh General Council of the Alliance will be held in Washington, D. C., Sept. 27 to Oct. 6, 1899; and that we should appoint delegates to the same. According to the basis of representation we are entitled to twelve delegates, and your Committee recommend the appointment of the following persons :

Rev. J. B. Drury, D.D.,	Rev. J. P. Searle, D.D.,
“ D. J. Burrell, D.D.,	“ Geo. S. Bishop, D.D.,
“ J. W. Beardslee, D.D.,	“ M. H. Hutton, D.D.,
“ John Van der Muelen, D.D.,	“ Wm. I. Chamberlain,
Elder G. J. Kollen, LL.D.,	Elder Austin Scott, LL.D.,
“ John S. Bussing,	“ J. Townsend Lansing.

Your Committee desire to read, in the presence of Synod, the section of this communication bearing upon the important subject of arbitration.

“ During the past year the Alliance has been privileged to exercise its influence in a marked way in favor of arbitration as a method of settlement for all difficulties arising between nations. A movement to that end was inaugurated by one of the Churches of the Alliance, the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The General Assembly of that Church, in 1891, requested the co-operation of General Assemblies, Synods, Conferences, and other governing bodies of the Christian Churches throughout the world, with a view to advancing the great

interests of International Arbitration. The result of the movement has been the presentation of a petition having that end in view to the rulers of all the civilized nations of the world. The presentation of the petition to the President of the United States was entrusted to a Committee of the Alliance composed of the American Secretary, Rev. Wm. Henry Roberts, D.D., LL.D., as Chairman, with Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Rev. J. B. Drury, D.D., of the Reformed Church in America, Rev. A. W. Pitzer, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the Rev. W. W. Barr, D.D., of the United Presbyterian Church. The Committee was given audience by the President on Dec. 29, 1898; the members were most cordially received by him, and he said that he had recommended to the Senate of the United States, arbitration as a method of settling difficulties with Great Britain, and that he hoped for its ultimate adoption by both nations. He also said that he had responded promptly to the Czar's proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances, the armament of the United States could not be lessened, but would in any event be smaller than would satisfy European nations." It was evident that President McKinley was in hearty sympathy with the objects of the petition.

Certain of the facts connected with the petition are worthy of special mention. As a paper, it stood in a remarkable way for the unity of Christian sentiment on the subject. The signatures attached thereto were representative of all denominations and countries. The Church of England was represented by the names of seventeen prominent dignitaries, including the Bishops of Durham and Ripon; the Church of Scotland, by the Moderator of its General Assembly, and twenty-nine other Churches in Great Britain and Ireland signified their official approval, while the Salvation Army signed through its General. In addition it was adopted by two Churches in Belgium, two in Switzerland, six in Holland, twelve in Australia, and twenty-eight in the United States of America. In the latter are included the Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran,

Methodist Episcopal as well as the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. All the Churches in this Alliance also, are to be regarded as having sustained the petition and among the signers are the representatives of two Roman Catholic organizations. The total number of Christian denominations supporting it, therefore, was one hundred and forty-five, representing more than ninety millions of Protestant Christians. It is suggested in this connection that your venerable body take action recommending the offering of public prayer in the congregations under your care that the blessing of God may rest upon the Conference of accredited representatives of the Nations which will meet May, 18, 1899, at the Hague, Holland, at the request of the Czar of Russia, to consider the question of disarmament. The Conference will gather in a land whose people and sovereign are professors of the faith and upholders of the church-order of the Churches of this Alliance.

To give expression to the fraternal sentiments of Christian affection, which bind together in real union the several churches of the Alliance, the American Section has appointed the Rev. D. J. Burrell, D.D., as its delegate to convey to you its cordial greetings.

With best wishes for the prosperity of the cause of Christ in your midst as a Church and through you to all the world, we are,

In behalf of the Alliance,

WM. CAVEN, *Chairman,*

WM. HENRY ROBERTS,

American Secretary.

As requested, we recommend that the following resolution be adopted :

Resolved, That public prayer be offered in all our congregations for the blessing of God to rest upon the Peace Conference of the Nations, now in session at the Hague, Holland, considering the great questions of disarmament and International Arbitration.

The Rev. D. J. Burrell, D.D., was commissioned by

the American section of the Alliance to convey to this body its cordial greetings, and Dr. Burrell has sent a letter requesting Elder John S. Bussing to render this service, as he is unable to be present.

Your Committee recommend that Mr. Bussing be heard.

The following are nominated as delegates to the ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in correspondence :

DELEGATES TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES WITHOUT EXPENSE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., *primarius* ; Rev. Daniel H. Martin, D.D., *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. Edward G. Reed, D.D., *primarius* ; Rev. Robert H. Beattie, Ph.D., *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas H. Mackensie, *primarius* ; Rev. Wm. P. Bruce, *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Isaac P. Brokaw, D.D., *primarius* ; Rev. A. C. Sewall, D.D., *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States (meeting in 1902), we make no nominations this year.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (meeting in 1901), we make no nominations this year.

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church (third week in May, 1900, in Baltimore, Maryland), Rev. J. S. N. Demarest, *primarius* ; Rev. O. H. Walser, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of the Cape Colony, South Africa, Rev. John G. Fagg, *primarius* ; Rev. James Le Fevre, D.D., *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Evangelical Church

of Italy, Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D., *primarius*; Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D., *secundus*.

To the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, Rev. Jas. F. Zwemer, *primarius*; Rev. E. C. Oggel, D.D., *secundus*.

P. T. POCKMAN,
THOMAS POWELL VERNOLL,
ALAN D. CAMPBELL,
J. C. HARNIG,
E. S. JOHNSON.

ARTICLE XVII.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Rev. Wm. I. Haven, the representative of the American Bible Society, addressed the Synod in behalf of the society.

Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, addressed the Synod concerning the work of the society.

Rev. Judson Swift, representative of the American Tract Society, addressed the Synod in behalf of its work. The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church convened at Catskill, N. Y., June 7th, 1899, again commends the American Tract Society to the generous support of our pastors and people, and urge that offerings be made in our churches for the important work of this divinely blessed and time-honored society.

The Committee on Benevolent Societies reported as follows. The report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Mr. President.—Your committee on Benevolent Societies begs leave to report as follows:

Two communications came to our hands.

The first from the W. C. T. U., asking that General Synod R. C. A., set apart the fourth Sabbath in Novem-

ber as Temperance Sabbath each year. This in accord with the London Sabbath-school Union, which is endeavoring to secure the observance of this day for this purpose throughout the world.

Your committee respectfully recommends that this be done.

The second communication comes in the form of resolutions which we are requested to adopt by the American Sabbath Union. They are :

Resolved, That the General Synod reaffirms its belief in the continued and binding authority of the fourth commandment upon all men.

That it urges upon the ministers, officers and members of our churches, members of young people's societies and Sabbath-schools, the necessity of personal obedience and example in Sabbath observance by refraining from the purchase and reading of the Sunday newspaper; unnecessary traveling or visiting, and from all things that are detrimental to spiritual life and Christian morals, or that destroy the sacred character of the day, and that shall detract from the privilege of divine worship.

That we most earnestly deprecate Sunday excursions either by steam-boat, steam or electric cars or by other means, and we call upon all officers of said corporations to use their best efforts to prevent said Sunday excursions and at all times to forbid the alternative for the employee, of work or dismissal.

For every American citizen has the inalienable right to his Sabbath rest day—to rob him of this is not an evil, but a sin.

It is estimated that there are 3,000,000 of employees in this country who are compelled to labor every Sabbath day, and with a large proportion of these the alternative is work or dismissal.

That the Sunday newspaper is a most powerful and growing menace to the American Christian Sabbath, which evil we hope may soon be abolished.

We rejoice that the late attempt to transplant this evil to British soil has, by the power of the Christian

Sabbath sentiment of the city of London, England, proved a failure.

That each pastor of our Church shall, on some Sabbath in the month of October next, preach a sermon on some phase of this all important subject of Sabbath observance, and shall at that time, or as soon thereafter as convenient, secure an offering for the American Sabbath Union, whose work we most cordially approve and endorse.

The proceeds of said offering to be sent to the treasurer, Col. A. S. Bacon, 34 Wall Street, New York City.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that these resolutions be carried out.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. WYCKOFF, *Chairman*.
R. R. STRYKER,
C. D. F. STEINFUHRER,
G. SCHUT,
B. V. D. WYCKOFF.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Seventh Annual Report of General Synod's Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence. It is as follows :

To the General Synod :

Your Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presents herewith its Seventh (7th) Annual Report :—

At an early period your Committee sent out a printed circular to all the churches stating the fact that all envelopes for benevolent contributions are furnished free, only the cost of transportation being borne by the churches.

The same circular gave the prices of Church Support envelopes, also the approximate cost of transportation, and enclosed a full line of samples of envelopes and of the leaflets published by the Committee.

The response to this circular has been manifest throughout the season. The number of envelopes distributed has been as follows :

For local Church Support,	109,028
For the Boards and Funds of the Church,	43,317
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Total,	152,345

The total number of envelopes distributed has been nearly the same as last year ; but about ten thousand more have been used for Church Support and about ten thousand less for Benevolence than during the year 1897-8.

The Committee has also distributed gratis about 6,000 leaflets and 600 pledge-cards.

Besides the circular referred to your Committee has published Leaflet No. 8, by the Rev. Daniel H. Martin, D.D., herewith presented to the General Synod, and its 7th Annual Report at this time submitted.

How are the Churches responding to the appeals of the seven great Boards and Funds which the General Synod recommends to be the first recipients of the gifts of each church after the local demands of church support have been met ?

According to the enrollment of 1898, if every church had contributed to each one of the Boards and Funds, there would have been a totality of 4431 benevolent offerings. The total number was 2444 ; deficiency 1987. In other words about five-ninths of the blanks were filled, and about four-ninths were unfilled ; or, to express it yet otherwise, only about one-half of the prescribed number of offerings for these causes was taken in the last preceding ecclesiastical year. The deficiency was mainly in the contributions to the Disabled Ministers' Fund, the Widows' Fund and the Board of Publication. For Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Church Building Fund and Board of Education, more than one-half of the churches

contributed. The deficiency in offerings for Foreign and for Home Missions is seen in the statement that of 633 churches, 533 gave to Foreign and 541 to Home Missions.

There has been a totality of 2576 offerings during the year 1898-9 over against 2444 during the preceding year. The changes in the numbers of churches contributing will be seen in the subjoined tabular statements.

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Number of churches contributing to Foreign Missions....	513	534	518	533	533
Number of churches contributing to Domestic Missions...	512	525	520	541	*
Number of churches contributing to Church Building Fund	329	337	336	342	†
Number of churches contributing to Board of Education...	319	315	323	355	353
Number of churches contributing to Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	242	255	266	270	301
Number of churches contributing to Widow's Fund.....	181	172	183	193	207
Number of churches contributing to Board of Publication..	144	195	178	210	188
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Total.....	2,240	2,333	2,324	2,444	1,582

The actual amount of offerings during the past year to these various objects of denominational benevolence have been as follows :

	1898-9.
Board of Foreign Missions.....	\$120,308
Board of Domestic Missions.....	70,523
Church Building Fund.....	6,912
Board of Education.....	12,122
Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	3,308
Widows' Fund.....	1,567
Board of Publication.....	1,450
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Total.....	\$216,190

* About 600. † About 400.

The totals of offerings* to the seven Boards and Funds from the year 1895 to and including the ecclesiastical year 1898-9, is as follows : (Fractions of a dollar are disregarded ; the 1896 report includes the raising of the debt of the Foreign Mission's Board):

1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
\$194,646	\$230,208	\$204,017	\$218,410	\$216,190*

The princely gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees to the Board of Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions and Education, aggregating \$25,000, are to be taken into consideration in regarding the total of \$216,190. Special gifts, like legacies, are in a measure outside the scope of this Committee's work. Deducting the aggregate benefaction above named, we find the total of current offerings for the year 1898-9 has been \$191,190.

The following financial statement is submitted :

Balance on hand June 1, 1898.....	\$ 63 62
Received from the sale of envelopes.....	177 60
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	241 22
The cost of the year's work has been.....	240 05
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Balance cash in hand.....	1 17
Bills receivable.....	53 99
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Total assets.....	55 16

The Committee has in stock at present :

Church Support Envelopes.....	26,950
Benevolence.....	58,500
Leaflets No. 1 (Dutch and English), No. 3 (Dutch), No. 5, 6 and 7 (all English).....	16,300
Pledge Cards, Forms No. 1 and No. 3.....	1,606

The term of service of the following members of the Committee has expired : the Rev. Daniel Martin and

* Beginning with the present year, legacies and income from invested funds are excluded from totals reported, since those do not come within the purview of a Committee whose particular function it is to promote the steady flow of current offerings.

Elder William M. Imbrie. The Synod is respectfully requested to choose two members in the place of the two whose terms now expire. The Rev. Alfred E. Myers, Chairman, offers his resignation on account of the pressure of other duties. The General Synod is requested to accept Mr. Myers's resignation and to elect a minister to fill the vacancy in the Committee. Also it is desired that your Body shall designate a Chairman for the Committee.

The Committee expresses its thanks to the Board of Publication for its co-operation, and especially to Mr. Richard Brinkerhoff for his courtesy and helpfulness.

The Report of the Standing Committee of the General Synod of 1898 to the Synod closed with the following words :

"Finally, since your Standing Committee had referred to it a report of the Permanent Committee on the same subject, it seems to us that a 'double header' to such a small train might be done away with ; though we do not see our way clear to recommend the discontinuance of the established Standing Committee, nor do we desire to dispense with the efficient labors of the Permanent Committee, yet we think that some measure may be found whereby this double committee, for a single subject, could be united into one, thus simplifying matters and expediting business. Therefore,

"Resolved, That the Permanent Committee be requested to consider this matter of consolidating the above-named Committees, and report thereon to the next regular session of the General Synod."

With reference to this recommendation of the last General Synod, the Permanent Committee begs leave to draw the attention of the present General Synod to the distinction which usually obtains between a permanent and a standing committee. The standing committee is made up of members of the Synod. It stands only during the session of the Synod. Its work is to review the work of the Permanent Committee as reported to the

Synod, and to report to the Synod about the work done by the Permanent Committee; the latter Committee has charge of the subject entrusted to it during the whole year and gives account of its activities to the Synod and receives its instructions for the coming year. Such instructions are usually embodied in the recommendations of the Synod's own Standing Committee.

For the above-mentioned reasons, and submitting itself to the Synod's correction and instruction, your Permanent Committee has taken no action looking toward the consolidation of this Committee with this Synod's Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. MYERS,
HENRY M. COX,
DANIEL H. MARTIN,
JOHN S. BUSSING,
V. M. W. SUYDAM,
WILLIAM M. IMBRIE,
Committee.

New York, June 1, 1899.

The above report was referred to the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully submits the following report for your consideration:

To your committee was referred the Seventh Annual Report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The facts and figures presented by this report show that the number of churches contributing to Foreign Missions is the same as last year, while there has been a gratifying increase in the number of churches contribut-

ing to Domestic Missions, the Church Building Fund, Disabled Ministers' Fund and Widows' Fund.

We regret however to notice that there has been a decrease in the number contributing to the Boards of Education and Publication.

A study of the annual tabular statement of Benevolent Offerings to the Boards and Funds of our Church show a decrease of \$1,220.58. Or if we omit the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees of \$25,000 to our Foreign and Domestic Mission we have a total loss of \$26,220.58.

Your committee think however that this large loss is at least partly to be accounted for by the fact mentioned in their printed report, namely, that commencing with this year legacies and increase from invested funds are excluded from the total reported, since they do not come within the review of a committee whose duty it is to promote the steady flow of current offerings. There is one item in the report of the Permanent Committee which we think needs explanation. On page 3 of their printed report is the statement that the committee has published Leaflet number 8, by Rev. Daniel H. Martin, which is presented to the General Synod.

Your committee has been informed by one of the members of the Permanent Committee that Mr. Martin on account of the pressure of other duties had been unable to prepare the tract, so that it is not presented; the fact of his inability to do this was unknown to the committee until their report was printed.

Your committee offer the following resolution for your action :

Resolved, That the Seventh Annual Report of the Permanent Committee, with the correction above noted, be and hereby is adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its appreciation of the devoted labor of this committee, and the Synod requests the Permanent Committee to prepare and distribute a similar tract or tracts to those already issued.

Resolved, That all our Churches, Sunday-schools, Christian Endeavor and kindred societies be urged to adopt the method of Systematic giving to the Lord's work,

and we request the Permanent Committee to correspond with those Churches who have not adopted the plan and kindly urge them to fall in with the rest of us in this work.

Resolved, That hereafter the President of Synod in making up the committees, name as the Committee on Systematic Beneficence the Permanent Committee on this subject.

The terms of service of Rev. Daniel H. Martin, and Elder William M. Imbrie have expired. Mr. Martin declines a re-election.

Resolved, That Mr. Martin's resignation be and hereby is accepted, and that Rev. Alfred Duncombe be elected to fill the vacancy, and Elder William M. Imbrie be re-elected for the full term.

Rev. Alfred E. Myers offers his resignation as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on account of other duties.

Resolved, That Rev. A. E. Myers resignation be and hereby is accepted, and that Rev. Alfred Duncombe be elected chairman in his place.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. M. PERLEE, *Chairman*,
HENRY LOCKWOOD,
ERNEST CLAPP,
A. L. SCHERMERHORN,
IRVING B. HARRISON.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Of the offerings made during the year ending April 30th, 1899, by the several churches to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by the General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each church, whether by church offering or otherwise :

[See Synod's Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
Classis of Albany.						
First, Albany.....	\$106 81		\$267 82	\$250 43	\$124 49	\$30
Madison Avenue.....	189 09		1814 07	1410 82	64 35	64 35
Third, Albany.....			40 50	8 19		
Fourth, Albany.....			25	40		
Holland, Albany.....	8 55		52 60	64 50		
First, Bethlehem.....	11 85		47 80	62 50		
Second, Bethlehem.....			101 77	99 91		
Second, Berne.....	1 80	\$ 26	5 40	2 40	78	26
Knox.....	1 60	32	9 58	16 09	96	32
Clarksville.....			11	18 50		
Coeymans.....	3 73		56 88	42 14	8 98	
Jerusalem.....	2		88 67	48 68	2	
New Salem.....						
Onesquethaw.....						
New Baltimore.....	3 41	5 84	105 15	66 12	5 76	
Union.....	1 60		2 16	2 70		
Westerlo.....				1		
Sixth Albany.....			11 15	17 86		
Classis of Bergen.						
First, Hackensack.....	25		893 61	420 20		
Schraalenburgh.....	4 01	12 94	63 17	163 80	19 88	7 88
English Neighborhood.....	20		34 17	45 97	9	
New Durham.....	91 34	15	369 69	309 72	29 80	28 00
West Hoboken.....	4	2 90	71 50	85 59	2 85	4
First, Hoboken.....	6 85		10 59	12		
North Bergen.....	12	5	115 34	47	5	5
Second, Hackensack.....	23 53		242 04	817 02		
German Evang., Hoboken.....	11 06		65 06	18	10	
Third, Hackensack.....	1			2 07		
Closter.....	17 57		52 56	46 14		
Pallsades.....			5 28	80 65		
Guttenberg.....	2		8 45	25		
Central Ave., Jersey City.....	12 50	2	25 50	39 50	7 50	20
Cherry Hill.....	5 80		52 93	79 78	3 40	4 01
Secaucus.....						
Spring Valley, N. J.....	1	1 10	24 79	13 40	2 44	1 75
Westwood.....	4 56		176 68	74 52	15 81	
Oradell.....	12 25	6 88	76 18	77 33		6 37
Hasbrouck Heights.....	2	2	8	2	1	

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
South Classes of Bergen.						
Bergen.....	\$18 12	\$28 41	\$490 43	\$408 99	\$25 45	\$30
First, Bayonne.....	28 72	27 33	196 75	84 83	32 62	11 92
Wayne St., Jersey City.....	6 11	7 11	440 08	292 67		
Bergen Point.....	12	4	211 39	171 39	6	6
Second, Hudson City.....			8 26	18 81	20	10
Lafayette.....	8	1 27	239 44	120 51	19 50	37 25
Greenville.....			51 51	40 70		
Free, Jersey City.....			20 23	12		
Third, Bayonne.....	2		7	9	3	2
First, German Evang., Jersey City.....						
St. John's, German Evang. "						
Park, Jersey City.....	20 17	7 40	122 95	54 24	18 78	
Classes of Dakota.						
Centerville.....						
Vandenberg.....			5	37		
Wakonda, Olive Leaf.....						
Sandham Memorial.....				10		
Sioux Falls.....		3	4 05	8 05		
Scotland, Ebenezer.....			6 09	6 09		
Second, Lennox.....		1	12	51 29	3	3
Davis, Bethel.....						
Salem.....	8		8	9	2	
Charles Mix.....	4 25		4 50	11 50		
First, Harrison.....	24	3 50	143 09	150 42	6	6
Grand View.....			14 75	13		
Hope.....	7	4	38 47	51 52	4	4
Immanuel.....			8 86	10		
First, Lennox.....		1 50	11	12		
Delaware.....	5		6	12		
Orange City.....	10 30		91 82	100 50	4	4
Yankton.....			7 98	10 91		
Van Ralte.....			6	26		
First, Wormser City.....						
Classes of Grand River.						
Atwood.....	3 23		10 50	31		
Coopersville.....			45 96	40 07		
Detroit.....			39 38	61 03		
Falmouth.....						
Fremont.....	1		25 83	29 60		
First, Grand Haven.....	10 90		262 94	136 31		
Second, Grand Rapids.....	23 63		441 83	119 84	14 02	
Third, ".....			203 28			
Fourth, ".....	20 50	6 50	269 01	95 67	4 04	4 04
Fifth, ".....	7 02		282 11		7 32	20
Oakdale Park.....	5		16 50	28 92		
Seventh, Grand Rapids.....	10	1	85 65	80 26	2	2
Eighth, ".....			29 65	33 70		
Ninth, ".....	12 48	3 60	133	23 25	4	3 40
Grandville.....	5		45 25	36		
First, Kalamazoo.....	11 40		273 98	84 55		
Third, ".....			110 21	40		
Fourth, ".....			10	17 35		
Moddersville.....				3 83		
First, Muskegon.....	4 40		299 92	86 62		
New Era.....			27 26	38 50		
Rehoboth.....			6	5		
South Haven.....				45		
Spring Lake.....	11		102 33	36 19	2 50	2 50
Twin Lakes.....			36 50	58		
Vogel Center.....				6 81		
Moorland Mission.....				7 70		
Allegan.....				4 02		
Cadillac.....				1 10		

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
Classis of Greene.						
First, Athens.....	\$44 74	\$8	\$162 70	\$154 18	\$15	\$10
Second, ".....						
First, Catskill.....	14 86	18 84	634 51	517 82	21 85	21 86
First, Coxsackie.....	5 50	4	80 43	70 85	5	10
Second, ".....	11 78	7 53	362 72	516 10	9 29	32 19
Kiskatom	10 50	3 50	61 87	47 88	7	3 50
Leeds.....		2 85	49 81	89 82		
Classis of Holland.						
Beaverdam.....	14 45		54 65	55 01	1 84	1 88
Second, Cleveland.....			118 55	72 57	6	
East Overisel.....				12 72		
Ebenezer.....	1 80		18 93	40 97	8	
Graafschap.....	4		44 25	44 18		
Hamilton.....	8 53		20 76	22 07	1 58	1 53
First, Holland.....			220 59	56 90		20
Third, ".....	29 12		457 83	160 12		
Fourth, ".....	1 85		5 86	29 02		
First, Jamestown.....	7 64	5 91	137 44	116 02		5 57
Second, ".....	1 87		12 71	14 78	63	62
North Holland ...			187 92	88 47		
Overisel.....			692 57	160 92		
South Blendon.....			73 75	51 75		
Three Oaks.....			19 43	8 25		
Vriesland.....	22 45		312 25	150 75	9 33	7 90
Zeeland.....	25	17 75	1632 01	482 49	10	10
Lake Shore.....				50		
Eggleston.....						
Classis of Hudson.						
Claverack.....	5 13		318 48	141 22	5	
Gallatin.....	1 59	91	22 42	18 78		1
Germantown.....	10 48	8	173 98	60 71	5 87	4 61
Greenport.....	2 41		89 34	48 74	7 87	3 02
Hudson.....	26 60	18 91	506 81	354 18	31 96	30 97
Linlithgo.....			40 60	32 90		
Livingston at Linlithgo.....			27 90	10 15		
Mellenville.....	1 50	1 25	73 53	49 55	1 25	1
Philmont.....	30 53	18 60	341 81	283 47	15 08	
Upper Red Hook.....	5 78		95 75	53 15		
West Copake.....	8 80	2 50	40 70	59 59	2 50	2 50
Classis of Illinois.						
Bethany.....			21			
Bethel.....					6 50	
Bethlehem.....				8 50		
Bushnell.....						
Ebenezer.....			71 25	21 24		
Fairview.....	19 98	2 48	73 73	51		20
Galesburg.....	1 86		21 80	4 90		
Havana.....						
Irving Park.....	4 40		266 26	148 95	9 53	5 37
Manito.....			41 93	14 05		
Northwestern.....			55 51	72 30		
Norwood Park.....	11 67		69 92	17	4 36	
Otley.....			13 20			
First, Pekin.....			26	8		
Second, Pekin.....			3 50	32 10		
Second, Pella.....			276 08	63 56		10 15
Raritan.....			74 78	80 46		
Spring Lake, Ill.....			39 81	20 90		
Trinity.....	5		84 06	65 50		
Bussy Mission.....				1		
Prairie City Mission.....				3 50		

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
Classes of Iowa.						
Alton.....	\$10	\$ 5	\$124 27	\$208 70	\$ 5	\$ 5
Bethel.....	6 20	1 75	31 62	37 81	2 50	2 50
Boydston.....	6	4 87	64 84	79 29	6 40	
Carmel.....			78 30	33 08		
Churchville.....	7 40	2 50	29 70	18	3 60	8 80
Clara City.....				4		
Fourth.....			15 25	9 50	2 00	2 25
Free Grace.....	6	2	29 75	14 7	4	2
Friesland.....						
Rotland.....	35 56	1	263 04	186 91	12 64	10 10
Hespera.....			54 50	18		
Hull.....	9	3	104 77	54 50	5	5
Le Mars.....			21 84	21 84		
Lector.....	8	2	81 09	53 22	2 50	2 50
Maple Lake.....			8 01	10 98		
Masrice.....	10 70	2	109 70	97 29	3	4 75
Mascatoe.....	6	2 50	10 35	13	1 40	2 75
New Kirk.....	11 22	3	277 87	173 45	5	5
Orange City.....	22 53	5	507 54	174 23	26 50	
First, Pella.....	25 90	5	293 05	69 25	10 35	11
Third, ".....			130	29 70	9 90	10 25
Fourth, ".....	2		30	8 50		2
Pella, Neb.....			12 25	15 25		
Rock Valley.....			37 10	39 25		
Roseland.....			21 50	16 40		
Rotterdam.....	5 66	2	6 80	15 15	2	2
Sioux County Cha. Festival.....			100 30	100 30		
Sheldon.....			17 21	14		
Silver Creek.....						
Sioux Center.....	25 65	11	487 16	251 30	6	8 25
Classes of Kingston.						
Boomingdale.....	3		53 85	19	5	5 25
The Clove.....	21 04	5 75	180 80	130 65	5 51	20
Deshville Falls.....				2		
Gardiner.....			70 50	20 50		
Gallford.....	2 25	3 10	11 03	31 65		
Harley.....			99 56	60 05	2 25	2
Fair St., Kingston.....	9 66		63 45	101 20		
Kramville.....				7 60		
Lyonsville.....				1 25		
Marbletown.....	4 60	1 55	42 64	25 22		1 65
" North.....	1	1	4 80	14		1
New Paltz.....	7 96		320 73	225 49	9 46	40
Rochester.....	6		29 05	48 50	9	7
Rosedale.....		3 50	5 50	3 50		
Rosedale Plains.....	1 87		2 65	3	1 65	1 64
St. Remy.....			10	8 70		
North Classes of Long Island.						
Jamaica.....	12 61	6 28	173 86	201 16	5 07	30
Newtown.....	16 17	10 25	9" 60	76 85	12 23	
Oyster Bay.....	16 53		94 50	83 97		
North Hempstead.....	4 62		42 52	11 83	3 76	
Williamsburg.....	26 27	23 56	196 06	126 98	25 58	
Astoria.....	11 13	8 43	75 61	146 81	5	5
Brookling.....	30 20		272 34	290 97	10 26	
Kent St.....	21 44	5 10	181 40	69 04	11 56	11 34
South Bushwick.....			117	116		
Second, Astoria.....	23		61 55	61	5	6
East Williamsburg.....						
Queens.....	16 21	19 55	121 82	80 04	2	20
German Evang., Brooklyn.....	5		5	7	3	20

CLASSES.	Education.	Publication.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions and Church Build'g Fund	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Widows' Fund.
North Classis of Long Island. (CONTINUED.)						
Sayville.....	\$ 6	.....	\$25 81	\$22 38	\$4 58	\$7 16
Locust Valley.....	2	.....	2 50	19 80	5	.....
College Point.....	12 75	\$9 40	128 02	58 58	18 95	20
First, Long Island City.....	8	1	81 68	24 37	3	3
Bushwick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German Evang., Jamaica.....	5	5	10	15	5	5
Hicksville.....	.....	.....	5	1 50	.....	.....
Second, Newtown.....	.....	.....	7 50	7 50	.....	.....
Steinway.....	.....	.....	277 06	284 50	.....	.....
Church of Jesus.....	.....	.....	8	9	.....	.....
New Hyde Park.....	.....	.....	5	8 94	.....	.....
Sunnyside, Long Island City.....	.....	.....	15 75	16 25	3 20	3 20
South Classis of Long Island.						
First, Brooklyn.....	88 26	.....	685 87	694 78	22 27	50
Flatbush.....	247 57	16 60	884 17	1089 85	18 47	23 20
Grace Chapel.....	8	.....	53 20	42	.....	.....
New Utrecht.....	45 20	.....	1101 42	930	.....	.....
Gravesend.....	21 46	11 75	353 17	256 40	11 75	20
Flatlands.....	15	18 75	154 25	210 94	11 90	20
New Lts.....	13 65	.....	225 25	199 32	.....	20
East New York.....	10	.....	122	116 36	10	.....
South, Brooklyn.....	20 86	.....	171 65	108 42	5 20	5 20
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	18 40	20 82	208 02	117 92	8 38	8 37
North.....	.....	.....	25 59	18 55	.....	.....
On-the-Heights.....	98 16	12 04	1362 66	714 42	23 98	23 98
Bethany Chapel.....	25	.....	95	81	.....	.....
New Brooklyn.....	10	1 86	50	29	8	8
Second, Flatbush.....	.....	.....	5	8	.....	.....
Canarsie.....	26	4	22	20	4	4
Bedford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, W. I.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocean Hill.....	.....	.....	4	10	.....	.....
Edgewood.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Ridgewood.....	2	.....	5	5	.....	.....
Greenwood Heights.....	.....	.....	4	47 25	.....	.....
Bay Ridge.....	25 45	.....	226 83	127 48	5 80	5 29
German-American.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Michigan.						
Bethany, Grand Rapids.....	.....	.....	84 50	98 51	.....	.....
Britton.....	.....	.....	4 85	12 50	.....	.....
Centerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Constantine.....	.....	.....	.....	12 16	.....	.....
De Spelder.....	.....	.....	1 85	1 85	.....	.....
Grace, Grand Rapids..	8 35	1	37 72	28 40	2	1
Second, Grand Haven.....	.....	.....	100 61	99 04	10 76	.....
First, Grand Rapids.....	.....	.....	41 75	46 74	.....	.....
Hope, Holland.....	48 88	9 35	306 82	856 07	9 72	10 97
Second, Kalamazoo.....	14 02	.....	202 97	157 56	5 46	5 45
Macon.....	.....	.....	37 50	8 50	.....	.....
Second, Muskegon.....	6 39	.....	24 77	52 23	.....	.....
South Bend.....	4	3	5	18 55	2 85	2 85
South Macon.....	.....	.....	16	6	.....	.....
Classis of Monmouth.						
First, Freehold.....	4 67	33 15	42 45	3 62	5 67
Holmdel.....	5	118 19	138 99	18	20
Middletown.....	5	2	60 70	51 71	2	2

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Classes of Monmouth. (CONTINUED.)						
Second, Freehold.....	\$28 80	\$18 60	\$253 67	\$324 29	\$19 87	20
Keyport.....			14	10		
Long Branch.....	10 50	2 50	27 97	28 94	7	2 50
Colts Neck.....	5		26 18	44 17	3	5
Highlands.....			1			
Astery Park.....	8	3	40 50	39	10	20
Classes of Montgomery.						
First, Amsterdam.....	26 60	18 30	74 70	104 07	15 88	15 38
Trinity.....			23 68	27 62		
Aurietonville.....	6		21 20	19		
Buffalo.....			10	11 50		
Canajoharie.....	12 55	7 07	117 48	55 12	18 10	18 10
Cicero.....				6 15		
Columbia.....	2		10 27	8		
Craneeville.....			27			
Currytown.....	7	5	65 05	49 70	5	5
Ephratah.....	2		2 62			3 12
Florida.....	3		31 80	16 50		6
Fonda.....	17	7	109 22	125 24	12 06	20
East Herkimer.....						
Fort Plain.....	24 11	11 97	62 27	119 68	20 66	20
Fultonville.....	26	2	26 42	105 52	15	20
Glen.....	6 50	2	23	21 62	4 55	2 15
Hageman.....			34 42	28 30		
Herkimer.....	6 50	9 66	128 38	114 82	10 56	8 72
Johnstown.....	2	3	34 57	28 90		
Manheim.....						
Mapletown.....	1 47		9 05	12 46	3 05	5 22
Monawk.....			43 60	10		
Nearburg.....			5	24 50		
Owasco.....			7 48	12 58	3 25	
Owasco Outlet.....			15	42 38		
Point Rock.....						
St. Johnsville.....			32 71	35 65		
Sprakers.....			32 01	10 05	2	2
Stone Arabia.....			5 75	12 70	2	2
First, Syracuse.....	15 96	13 62	282 42	224 42	27 05	18 16
Second, ".....	2	2	20 09	27 15	2	2
Thousand Islands.....			24 10	23 60		
Ulrica.....	15	5	255 14	120 38	18 35	5
West Leyden.....	2 50	2	28 30	36		1 81
Classes of Newark.						
Belleville.....	10 76	2 50	121 73	86 49	5 12	2 24
First, Newark.....	32 23		42 78	48 50		
Irrington.....			15 62	35 37		
New York Ave., Newark.....			182 29	121 04		
Franklin.....	6 54	10 07	47 92	74 68	5 60	4 26
North, Newark.....	26	25	4545 08	2860 22	75	75
West, Newark.....						
Clinton Ave., Newark.....	54 23	27 08	682 70	777 08	25 68	18 70
Trinity, Newark.....	14 71		75 43	48 94	2 68	2 67
Linden.....			7 06	7 68		
Christ, Newark.....			63 87	3 27	6 55	
Stone House Plains.....			79 42	70 27		
East Orange.....	23 08		621 94	155 09	11 80	11 80
Trinity, Plainfield.....	24 51		309 85	423 08	18 06	18 06
German, ".....	1		8	22	1	1
Montclair Heights.....			14 94	20 04		

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Classis of N. Brunswick.						
First, New Brunswick.....	\$47 48	\$21 24	\$492 64	\$680 80	\$10 07	\$20
Six Mile Run.....	20 27	6 87	488 41	825 58	14 41	11 91
Hillsborough.....	7 95	.....	73 11	91 62	7 90	20
Middlebush.....	16 58	2	83 81	116	5	4 61
Griggstown.....	1	1 42	51 51	54 52	1 20	1 08
Second, New Brunswick..	30	15	592 93	854 24	20	20
Three Mile Run.....	.....	.....	62 88	.....	.....	.....
Bound Brook.....	6 32	.....	46 65	35 19	3 87	.....
Third, New Brunswick....	.....	.....	81	5	.....	.....
East Millstone.....	.....	2 56	53 69	81 01	.....	.....
Metuchen.....	5	.....	303 35	97 14	9 62	10 18
Snydam St., New Brunswick.....	9 50	7 36	761 18	187 38	12 33	.....
Highland Park.....	6	2 85	34 69	85 50	3	.....
Spotswood.....	5	.....	34 81	1 81	.....	.....
Classis of New York.						
West End, Collegiate.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fifth Avenue, ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marble, ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle, ".....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
University Heights, Collegiate...	\$506 94	\$160 25	\$9785 05	\$7757 59	\$386 69	\$125 59
No. Church Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thirty-fourth St.....	15	.....	120	120	.....	.....
Knox Memorial.....	35	15	134 17	231 91	10	10
Vermilye.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harlem Collegiate.....	152 85	59 09	2010 91	1842 67	133 09	53 90
South.....	.....	32 75	1111 21	527 07	11 34	5 66
" Manor Chapel.....	.....	.....	95	75	.....	.....
Staten Island.....	12 50	12 80	313 41	296 77	8 25	8 25
Bloomington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison Ave.....	.....	.....	1774 02	2495 71	80	20
Ger. Evangelical Mission.....	50	10	120	120	20	20
Huguenot.....	2	2	15	27	2	2
Mott Haven.....	.....	.....	85 18	43 33	.....	.....
Union, High Bridge.....	23 68	4 74	331 16	302 73	24 25	4 74
Fourth German.....	20	.....	119	132 17	6	6
Prospect Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belmont.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Avenue B, German.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Brighton Heights.....	9 82	4 12	129 10	118 32	4 08	4 07
Fordham.....	5 47	2 09	265 35	248 68	9 80	.....
Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Farms.....	.....	.....	8 48	8 47	.....	.....
Norfolk St.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Kreischerville, St. Peters.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	2	2	101	51	2	2
Hamilton Grange.....	18 25	4 50	50 76	126 67	12 87	4 29
Church of the Comforter.....	2 56	1 51	17 10	18 64	2 03	1 51
Classis of Orange.						
Berea.....	5	.....	23 76	31 50	5	2
Bloomington.....	6	2	47 99	27 41	4	2
Callicoon.....	.....	.....	5 60	5	.....	.....
Clarville.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Cuddebackville.....	1 80	.....	32	5 25	.....	.....
Deer Park.....	25	11	250	249 60	20	20
Ellenville.....	11 60	9 18	89 52	86 61	9 75	3 30
Fallsburg.....	8	10	45 13	53 06	7	5
Grahamsville.....	.....	.....	4	17 80	.....	.....
Kerhonkson.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Mamakating.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minisink.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....
Montgomery.....	9 33	.....	826 51	146 62	3 52	6 20
Newburgh.....	5	179 81	56 63
New Hurley.....	2 35	2 23	25 06	12 55	2 50
New Prospect.....	6 55	3	112 61	114 87	7 04	4 16

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Classis of Orange. (CONTINUED.)						
Second, Port Jervis.....			\$6 15	\$6	\$1 50	
Shawangunk.....	\$10 70		23 53	23 82	2 05	\$7 05
Unionville.....						
Walden.....		\$17 63	181 05	200 08	5 05	5 05
Walkill.....	15	9 10	88 91	66 66	4 05	5
Upper Walpack.....				8 41		
Lower.....	9 24		8 81	8 12		
Wawarsing.....			5	6 50	2 53	
Classis of Paramus.						
Acquackanonck.....	33 75	17 03	943 26	308 34	7 37	24 50
Centerville.....	5		17 56	17 56		
Clarkstown.....		6 01	65 15	70 89	7 62	5 27
Clifton.....	2 50		21 11	9 55	2 55	2 50
Garfield.....	8 19	2 56	16 37	9 22	2 13	1 06
Glen Rock.....			4 58	8 83		
Hawthorne.....				12		
Lodi, First Holland.....		5	25	15		
" Second.....	5			26 31	5	5
Nyack.....	16 39	17 34	536 50	434 56	27 65	32 21
Paramus.....	8 43		146 14	137 81	9 40	9 40
Pascack.....			151 26	150 97		
Passaic, First Holland.....	17		50	18	7 63	7 62
" North.....	29 42		653 32	372 55		
Paterson, Broadway.....	27 90		207 47	177 90	1 60	2
" First Holland.....	12		136 50		3	3
" North.....				7		
" Second.....	3 90		91 88	158 14	9 21	20
Piermont.....			53 88	75 33		
Ramapo.....			39 94	19 99		
Ramseys.....						
Ridgewood.....	5 17		159 76	127 02		7 17
Saddle River.....	7 61		14 66	14 36		
Spring Valley.....	10 09		161 46	58 67	9 57	4 73
Tappan.....			53 51	49 10	9 55	
Warwick.....	60 88		403 10	213 56	47 52	
West New Hempstead.....	3 58		43 58	43 59		
Wortendyke.....			5 50	5 70	4 60	
Classis of Passaic.						
Boonton.....	17 11		92 30	90 71	6 50	6 46
Fairfield.....			10	125		
First, Little Falls.....	14 83		67	37 80		
Second, ".....			25	15	2 50	
Montville.....	14		29 50	7 25	3	
Sixth, Paterson.....	25	5	82 18	67	10	20
People's Park, Paterson.....	6		19 99	18	4	4
Pompton.....	34 50		180 90	203 15		
Pompton Plains.....	13	5	224 33	194 08	5	5
Ponds.....			20	20		
Preakness.....	7 48		48 16	23 36		
Riverside, Paterson.....	4 48		60 92	55 09	3	3
First, Totowa.....	42 52	11	169 69	151 20	11	11
Union.....			58 40	93 85		20
Wyckoff.....	12	3 25	36 90	45	5	7 50
Classis of Philadelphia.						
North and Southampton.....	36 79	4 15	173 98	139	3	3
Harlingen.....	5 45	4 50	81 95	81 28	5 80	2
Neshanic.....	10		114 76	95 98		
First, Philadelphia.....	19 56		195 78	178 51	9 58	9 57

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Classis of Philadelphia. (CONTINUED)						
Second, Philadelphia.....			\$29 57	\$21 63		\$20
Fourth, ".....	\$46	\$5	282	10	\$5	5
Blawenburg.....			52 58	54 35		
Stanton.....			22 90	22 91	2	2 05
Clover Hill.....	4		10 10	32		
Rocky Hill.....	11 38		109 36	100 38		7 51
Fifth, Philadelphia.	20		60	40		20
Addisville.....	3 93	5 46	98 25	144	4 89	4 25
Three Bridges.....	1 65	1 54	68 82	13 15	1	3 08
Talmage Memorial.....	12 80		58 04	64 68	6	
South, Philadelphia.....			2	1 74		
Classis of Pleasant Prairie.						
Alexander.....			8 33	8 39		
Aplington.....			6 35	10 33		
Baileyville.....	10		50	97 80	7 90	
Baker.....				106 50		
Bethel.....			11 25			
Buffalo Center.....				4 87		
Cromwell Center.....				7 45		
Ebenezer (Oregon).....	10	2 50	60	76 50		3
Elim (White Rock).....	4 83		31 95	43 28		
Forreston.....	20		56 17	92	5	5
Hope (George).....			19	19		
Immanuel (Belmond).....	10 11		81 15	57 18		
Monroe, Ia.....	7	1	49	170 14	1	1
" S. D.....				9 75		
North Sibley.....	2 50			26 13	4 50	
Parkersburg.....	18	4	206 68	132 20	4 86	5
Peoria.....	11	1 31	34 09	23 09		3 05
Ramsay.....	9		9	11 75		
Salem.....	2 50		43 25	40 37		
Silver Creek.....	23 80		325	226 37		20
Washington.....			45	55		
Zion.....	2 30		6	19 51	2 50	3 50
Sibley Mission.....				24 95		
Everly Mission.....						
Wellsburg.....						
Classis of Poughkeepsie.						
First, Poughkeepsie.....	33 45		961 30	239 54	60 10	16 34
Second, ".....	21 12		797 09	335 05	23 50	28 50
Fishkill.....	10 05	12 10	89 17	97 79	10 80	11 33
Hopewell.....	10 38		114 90	52 40		
New Hackensack.....			145 58	72 62	6	1 72
Rhinebeck.....			115 90	150 84		20
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....			130 50	98 78		
Hyde Park.....			125 34	184 85	5	
Glenham.....			8 76	18 25		
Cold Spring.....			3	3		
Millbrook.....	9 46		209 88	209 57	24 65	
Classis of Raritan.						
First, Raritan.....	23 41	8 05	322 56	330 15		
Readington.....	11 14	10 82	99 48	75 39	4	4
Bedminster.....	12 25	12 35	304 47	256 64	14 15	9 40
Lebanon.....			42 95	42 95		
Rockaway.....		7 61	27 70	85 60		2 47
North Branch.....	11 25	4 96	170 01	140 67	4	1 21
Second, Raritan.....	39 85		546 85	385 45	57 20	20
Peapack.....	5		50 45	11	1 50	1 50
South Branch.....	5 26	4 15	115 71	137 26	3 50	3 50
Third, Raritan.....	7 01	8 52	211	250 78	5 65	5 65

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Classis of Raritan. (CONTINUED.)						
Pottersville.....			\$21 75	\$25 25		
High Bridge.....			48 71	25		
Annandale.....	\$2 06	\$1 97	82 98	41 66	\$2	\$3
Fourth, Raritan.....	2		10	18	2	2
New Centre.....			40	40		
Classis of Rensselaer.						
Bath-on-Hudson.....	1		58 17	54 50		
Blooming Grove.....	6 17	2 41	19 62	26 88	2 42	7
Castleton, Emmanuel.....	6 48		24 29	17 76	6	
Chatham.....	21	8	265 83	90	15	20
First, Ghent.....	10 50	1	174 77	54 17	3 67	9
Second, ".....	2 35	3 12	127 26	44 27	2 07	2 06
Greenbush.....		5 04	85 95	66 71	5	
Kinderhook.....	29 94	10	778 73	294 28	29 19	12 21
Nassau.....	4	2	46 66	40 60	1 30	1
New Concord.....				10		
Schodack.....	10 45	2 63	76 61	85 30	5 60	
Schodack Landing.....	3 65	3 60	73 85	86 85	1 60	
Stuyvesant.....	9 67		90 23	44 17		
Stuyvesant Falls.....	1	1 61	18 02	16 84	1	
Classis of Rochester.						
Abbe.....	5		187 24	33 81		
Arcadia.....	3 75		18 80	34 65		
Brighton.....	6 25		59 55	70 40		
First, Cleveland.....	8		62 16	58 75		
Clymer Hill.....	6 27		85 21	32 83	4 22	
East Williamson.....	8 50		186 47	37 51	4 37	
Farmer.....	3 52		95 23	76 56	3 74	
Lodi.....	3	3	76 50	66 50	5	5
Marion.....	8 10		141 01	46 24		
New York Mills.....	3		6	16		
Ontario.....			2 80	5 78		
Palmyra.....			4	15 65		
Pultneyville.....	6 80		41 16	56 16		
First, Rochester.....	15 45	7	292	47		
Second, ".....			97 40	116 71		
Tyre.....	4 25		49 28	25 71	1 50	
Classis of Saratoga.						
Boght.....	2	2	18	8	1 13	1 12
Buskirks.....	19		48	59 60	6	5
Cohoes.....			388 18	175 85		
Easton.....				4		
Fort Miller.....			15 84	12	4	
Gansevoort.....	1 52	1 14	5 55	10 84	3 14	1 02
Greenwich.....	82 14		152 08	94 05		
Northumberland.....			45 92	24 06		
Saratoga.....	23 25		115 53	81 30	15 76	12 42
Schaghticoke.....				8 50		
West Troy, North.....			27	19 35		
" South.....		1 18	61 36	37 50		
Wynantskill.....			22 50	20 50		
Classis of Schenectady.						
Altamont.....	3	3 65	25	15 50		
Amity.....			153 18	149 13		
Bellevue.....	5		6 50	31 01		
First, Glenville.....			44 97	26 57		
Second, ".....			53	33 56		
Heiderberg.....	4 35	2 45	15 50	9		6 85
Lisha's Kill.....	3 27		28 19	31 86	2 47	

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Classis of Schenectady. (CONTINUED.)						
Mt. Pleasant.....			\$24 69	\$18 92		
Niskayuna.....	\$25	\$5	250 50	188 40	\$5	\$5
Princetown.....			115	14 50		
First, Rotterdam.....			51 46	51 43		
Second, ".....			16 49	25 52		
First, Schenectady.....	31 98		303 12	425 06	19 15	19 14
Second, ".....	8 75	1	132 75	134 82	3	1
Prospect Hill Chapel.....			1			
Classis of Schoharie.						
Beaverdam.....	1 15	1 50	4 15	8 15	1 60	80
Berne.....	11	8	81 02	73 35	11 40	12
Breakabeen.....			6 48	7 70	50	
Central Bridge.....			8 50	13 47		
Cobieskill.....						
Eminence.....						
Gallupville.....				2 55		
Gilboa.....						
Howe's Cave.....			6	12 81		
Lawyersville.....	14 24		14	20 14	2 34	
Middleburg.....			56 91	55 62	4	
Moresville.....				17	2	2
North Blenheim.....			9 17	9 50		1
Prattsville.....	2 91	4	28 06	21 98	1 82	1 82
Schoharie.....	3 01	6 39	66 57	78 75	6 71	6 80
Sharon.....	2		9 10	6		
South Gilboa.....						
Classis of Ulster.						
Blue Mountain.....	6		43 75	13 90		
Church of the Comforter.....		5 50	70 43	58 32	5 16	6 17
Esopus.....			23	16	5	
Flatbush.....	3		61 05	47 87		
Jay Gould Memorial..	5 09		29 38	69 13	6	4 17
Katsbaan.....	7 50	5 50	233 80	35 50		12 50
First, Kingston.....			621 17	816 85	20	6 04
Port Ewen.....		2 60	50 66	49 52	4 85	
Plattekill.....			18 28	17 31		
Saukerties.....	10 29		132 79	65 20		40
Shandaken.....			13	6		
Shokan.....				4		
Stewartville.....						
West Hurley.....			8	4		
Woodstock.....			5		2 58	2 57
Classis of Westchester.						
Bronxville.....			134 04	111 17	12 15	11 64
Cortlandtown.....			9			
Greenburg.....				11 25		
Greenville.....			10	5		
Hastings.....			12	25	5	
Melrose.....						
Mount Vernon.....			221 45	136 01	12 69	
Park Hill.....	10 92		144 97	76 49	8 80	8 80
Peekskill.....			18 71	20 98		
First, Tarrytown.....	36 34		260 88	226 76	21 23	18 67

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Classis of Westchester. (CONTINUED)						
Second, Tarrytown.....	\$11 45	\$1 70	\$142 14	\$102 29	\$2 55	\$2 55
Unionville	5 55	2 88	21 68	13 06	2	2
Yonkers.....			153 65	112 36	4 50	6 28
Classis of Wisconsin.						
Alto.....			304 85	179 89		20
Bethany.....			116 50	71 62		
Cedar Grove.....	12 35	8 14	201 74	97 52	6 47	6 47
First, Chicago.....	10		244 78	123 81		
Danforth.....			86	53 48		
De Motte.....						
Morrison, Ebenezer.....	6 08			15 29		
Englewood.....			200 58			
Franklin.....			15 50	5 21		
Fulton.....	24		170 81	163 82	5	5
Gano.....	4 84	6	69 22	45 20	7 50	
Gibbsville.....	11 93		163 83	42 85		
Greenbush.....				3 50		
Greenleafston.....	21 51		203 42	116 90	4 75	4 75
Hingham.....			23 17	20		
Hope.....			43 59	16 70		
Kenosha.....				5		
Koster.....				10 85		
Lafayette.....			11	11 35		
Lansing.....	6		34 60	53 85		
Millwaukee.....	21		383 46	216 57	20	20
Oostburg	5 70		20	16 35		
First, Roseland.....	35		483 20	113 88		20
Randolph Center.....				43 85		
Sheboygan Falls.....			20 64	26 45		
South Holland.....	12			98	10	20
Waupun.....	5 55		42 87	33 88		4 19

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on Particular Synods, appointed by the last Synod, presented the following report. It was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PARTICULAR SYNODS.

To the General Synod:

By the Synod of last year the undersigned were appointed a Committee, to report at this session, on the following subject: "The origin, connections relating to our Church polity and government, and the uses, past, present and future, of the Particular Synods"; and they were, "if possible, to devise some plan of adjustment, which will be more efficient and satisfactory to the whole Church than the plan at present existing." The subject thus assigned to us is a broad and difficult one. It includes, as will be seen, "the *uses*, past, present and *future*, of the Particular Synods"; and also to "devise" and formulate a plan which shall be more "satisfactory to the whole Church" than the present one. The latter, certainly, something we could not hope to do in or by a single report. All that your Committee can attempt to make at this time, is a more meagre report in relation to the origin, purposes, place and uses of the Particular Synod.

To begin with, its *origin* is important in one respect—it shows the purpose in view. "Yearning for Christian fellowship"—as the late Professor Demarest puts it—the persecuted Christians of the Netherlands organized themselves into local churches, the so-called "churches

sitting under the Cross"; but churches as yet independent of one another. They could go no farther; it would have brought down upon them fresh persecution. In 1568, however, was brought about the Synod of Wesel, in which about twenty churches were represented; its very name, Synod, indicating its purpose—a meeting, a coming together. There was laid the germ of our system and polity, in the *Classis*. In other words, they did not believe in independence, each church by itself, any longer than it could be helped. They were for union, so far as it was possible or useful. What they had principally in view in forming the *Classis*—a word later on supplanted in the Presbyterian Church by *Presbytery*—was the mutual maintenance of their doctrine and discipline in the churches composing it, as well as mutual help and edification. After this beginning in Wesel, the *Classes* grew in number. Nevertheless, the spirit of union lagged for a little. Each had its own limited field, a certain number of neighboring churches. They were not sufficiently brought together, as having oneness and community of interests, by the one Synod. There was a remoteness between and separating the whole, the *national*, and its minor, individual parts, the *Classes*, which had its difficulties and was a weakness. Cases might easily arise—for instance inside a *Classis* or between different *Classes*—which needed to be settled and might be settled, without the intervention of the whole, the national. Therefore the introduction of the *district* idea; a union, in one, of several contiguous *Classes*, similar to the union of certain neighborhood churches into a *Classis*. This idea took form and received the national church sanction at the second Synod of Dordrecht in 1575; which declared that "in order that good and lawful government may be established in the churches of the Netherlands, it is useful to have four ecclesiastical assemblies—First, a *Consistory* in every congregation; Second, the *Classical* assembly; Third, the Particular Synod; Fourth, the General or National Synod." Each was, indeed, a logical sequence of the other. The keynote was union; and as the *Consistory* was, in intent, the standing together point and

bond and conservator of union, of good and peaceful government, in the congregation, so was the Classis within its sphere of churches, the Particular Synod within its sphere of Classes, and the General or National Synod within the periphery of the whole. In its government and form of union so was the Church of the Netherlands established, welded into one, in 1578. It was the national outgrowth of the original germ ; and so evidently "useful" as to be adopted by other bodies besides the Dutch.

It only needs to be added at this point, that in this, its mode of government, our American (Dutch) Church adhered to the ancestral pattern. For us, it is an heirloom with a history of over 300 years. In our day age gives value to heirlooms, as it does to old wine ; unless, indeed, it be an old minister whom his people hasten to get rid of. But we are now looking into its purpose and uses. In the series the Particular Synod comes in as a means of combined action, coming together among the Classes below it. As the churches are no longer separate units, by reason of the Classis, so the Classes are no longer separate units, by reason of the Particular Synod. They have now, through it, interests together, and a means of mutual helpfulness, action and growth (if they will), which they would not have as Classes standing separate and alone, nor as minor parts of a widespread church. The Particular (or District) Synod is the first and more intimate bond of union between the Classes ; the preliminary step to that larger union, the Denomination, the Church. In our consideration of the subject let us not overlook this. Combination and co-operation have lately come to the fore as an idea and event of the times. In business, for instance, this co-operative idea is leading to combinations, trusts and the like, of enormous size ; with what results, good or evil, the future must decide. In his book, "The New Era," Dr. Josiah Strong urges it upon the churches. Doubtless a good idea, when and where practicable ; not new, only carried into fields not hitherto covered by it. The Bible, the Tract, and other societies—what are they but churches acting together, for certain objects, on the co-operative plan?

Nevertheless, there is another idea inculcated upon us by Providence and the Bible. The strongest churches—whatever else they may be or do—are those which act the most earnestly, vigorously and unitedly, within and through their established formations. God has established mankind in families; each with an ancestry and heredity, as the germ and type of a development. It is a part of that infinite variety which (may we not say?) God loves, and which has made His world what it is, and filled it with myriad forms of beauty and usefulness, under His abiding Spirit. So are the churches families, existing under the same law; each with an ancestry and germinal type, with the means of a mode of development within itself. Such our own church has received through its special origin and form of government; a form adopted to secure union and unity of doctrine and discipline, strength, mutual helpfulness, and consequent usefulness and growth. These things, so received, are—as the parable has it—our “talents,” to be put to use. But it was, “to every man according to his several ability”; the “ability,” vitality, virility, energy and faithfulness of each, being the prime factor.

Your Committee have thus brought the subject down to another point of last year's resolution, the “uses” of the Particular Synod. Besides its origin and purpose, its “uses.” Our Constitution (it will be seen) assigns to the Particular Synod certain specific functions: “to form new Classes,” “transfer” congregations, “to exercise a general superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several Classes,” and an “appellate” jurisdiction in matters of discipline. Three of these items are, and must be, only occasional. So it is with judicial cases, important as they sometimes are. Here the Particular Synod is especially useful, as, for the most of them, the Court of final appeal. It is, then, within the scope of the fourth item that we must find the ordinary business and “uses” of the Particular Synod: “superintendence over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several Classes.” And of this business the Classes themselves furnish the groundwork. They are to send up their

books; their reports on the state of religion; their statistical tables; list of licenses and ordinations; and in detail the answers to the Constitutional questions; all these, "for the information of the higher judicatories." They are the basis in this direction of the Particular Synod's action and business. They give (or may give) the needed "information" as to the state of the churches, and the mutual faithfulness of the ministers, churches and Classes in that district. If, however, it all stops there; if this whole business sinks down into a matter of mere routine, to be referred to a Committee as the basis of a report to General Synod, but as furnishing little or nothing of interest to the Particular or District Synod itself, and that neighborhood and fellowship of churches it represents; if it merely follows a schedule of subjects—some of which (at least) must be marked with a "nothing done," and then adjourns; if this be the case, evidently the purpose and main "use" of the Particular Synod is nullified, it becomes a perfunctory affair. Professor Demarest notes it as customary to send up the statistical tables and the reports of the Classes in bulk, to the General Synod; and for the reason that the sessions of the Particular Synods are "too brief" to do otherwise in a satisfactory way! "Too brief" (that is) really to attend to the business assigned them; and which, properly done—by comparison and discussion of reports and in other ways—might prevent "lack of business" and hence "lack of interest."

Your Committee deem that, by this review, they have reached the root of the matter in relation to the Particular Synods. Any change needed lies with themselves. They can change their modes of procedure, if they choose. They are not tied down to a barren routine waiting, it may be, for a committee to report, and meanwhile with nothing to do. If the wheel of a wagon creaks and drags heavily, grease the wheel and go on. Such would seem to be what the present case demands; in short, a better understanding of the place, purpose and "uses" of the Particular Synod. It is contained in the words: "superintendence over the spiritual interests and

Concerns of the several Classes within its bounds." With this made prominent, once a year for their delegates to meet and consider such a subject—the religious condition of each and all concerned—should not be, would not be, held a useless "expense" to be complained of or avoided; but a helpful gathering, full of interest to all. If, for instance, one Classis reported revivals, accessions, growth, there is the opening of a topic, perchance helpful to all; the germ, it may be, of a new impulse, new life, a new spirit. If, on the other hand, and year after year, one reports within its bounds "nothing done," no life, no spirituality in its churches; to the Particular Synod has been assigned the responsibility, the duty, of looking into it—of "devising," if possible, joint means of help and remedy. What is or may be done within or without the Synod, all depends on the spirit and faithfulness to duty of the Synod itself, and the "several Classes" with whose "spiritual interests and concerns" it has to do. Recently the "Field Secretary" addressed one of the Synods. So impressed was one member that he took him down to his own church. It was the beginning of a revival. And the electric spark that started it was a simple spiritual address about the churches and their condition in the Particular Synod. Your Committee can "devise" no new plan, nor one better than exists. With any plan, with all denominational machinery, everything depends upon the spirit and manner in which it is run.

As in line with the above, your Committee offer the following :

Resolved, that to increase the interest and effectiveness of the Particular Synods, and to give them more fully the place they were designed to occupy in our denominational system, the "superintendence" (assigned to them in the Constitution) "over the spiritual interests and concerns of the several Classes within their bounds," is of the utmost importance, and should be carried out, not as a matter of routine or formal report, but in the spirit of mutual helpfulness and desire for the spiritual growth and prosperity of each and all; and their atten-

tion is hereby earnestly called to this matter, and the devising of means to this end.

A. G. VERMILYE,
EDWARD B. COE,
J. S. N. DEMAREST.

The following action was taken with reference to the retiring President of Synod :

Whereas, apparently through inadvertence, the action of a previous Synod, recommending that the retiring president of the General Synod, be nominated by the Classis to which he belongs, as a member of the succeeding Synod, has been lost sight of, therefore be it

Resolved, That we re-affirm the aforesaid action, and hereby instruct the Stated Clerk of the General Synod, regularly to call the attention of the Classis of which the retiring President is a member, to this resolution, and at such time as shall be likely to insure the carrying out of the wishes of the General Synod in this regard.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLIC MORALS.

The following resolution was adopted concerning easy divorce :

Resolved, That in view of the deplorable evils growing out of the existing methods for procuring easy divorce, prevalent in many states, and frequently resulting in the remarriage of guilty parties in divorce proceedings, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, takes this opportunity of declaring its uncompromising opposition to all such remarriages as opposed to the spirit and mind of Christ, and it enjoins the entire body of the Church, clerical and lay, to take no part in giving approval to such remarriages whether authorized by the State law or not; but on the contrary to unceasingly cooperate in the work of developing a strong and healthy,

Public sentiment which shall diminish if not suppress the evil practice and correspondingly elevate the character of public and private morality.

MARSHAL H. BRIGHT,

Elder, Classis of Westchester.

The following paper concerning the canteen in the army was adopted, to be forwarded to the President of the United States :

To the President of the United States, Chief Executive and Head of Army and Navy :

WHEREAS, By a provision in the Army Bill passed February 27 and 28, 1899, and approved March 2, Congress clearly prohibited the sale of intoxicating drinks "in any encampment or fort, or on any premises used for military purposes by the United States," and

WHEREAS, The Attorney-General has interpreted incorrectly, as we believe, said Section 17 Army Reorganization Bill, and

WHEREAS, The deplorable effects of liquor-selling as a part of the canteen system of the United States army continues to work havoc with the manhood of the men, and with the discipline of the army, be it

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America record its unanimous protest against any disregard or seeming nullification of said law as clearly interpreted by both houses of Congress, and by the American people, and

Resolved, That we appeal to the patriotism of President William McKinley, as head of the army, to suspend the sale of intoxicating liquor, as a beverage, in the army and in the territories now under military occupation by the United States government, until such time, at least, as the courts shall have passed upon the validity of said Section 17 of the Army Reorganization Bill, and be it

Resolved, That in behalf of the 113,000 communicant members and law-abiding citizens of this historic American Church, the above resolutions be signed by the President of Synod, and by the Permanent and Stated Clerks, and

Resolved, That when so signed, a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Chief Executive of the American Nation.

Earnestly, sincerely, and respectfully submitted,

President.

Permanent Clerk.

Stated Clerk.

Done at Catskill, N. Y.,
This 13th day of June, 1899.

A special committee of three were appointed to prepare a memorial in reference to the seating of Representative Elect Roberts as a member of the United States House of Representatives. This committee consisted of Revs. E. C. Oggel and C. B. F. Pease and Elder Marshal H. Bright. They reported as follows :

To the Hon. House of Representatives at Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen.—The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, assembled in annual session at Catskill, N. Y., respectfully memorializes your honorable body as follows :

WHEREAS, Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, has been chosen to represent his Congressional District in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the said Brigham H. Roberts is known to be an avowed polygamist ; and

WHEREAS, the principle and practice of polygamous co-habitation are in direct violation of law, morality, public sentiment and a Christian civilization; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, constituting the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and representing 4 Particular Synods, 35 Classes, 683 Ministers, 633 churches and 110,713 members, do hereby most respectfully and most earnestly request on the part of our honorable Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Congress that, in case the aforesaid Brigham H. Roberts should on the strength of

his credentials be admitted to the House, they shall proceed without delay, by virtue of the power vested in them by the National Constitution, promptly to expel the said Brigham H. Roberts, to the end that the crime of polygamy may be publicly rebuked and our honorable Representatives may voice the earnest wish of every patriotic citizen, that no polygamist shall ever by his presence disgrace the sacred precincts of the House of Representatives.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By authority and in behalf of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

E. C. OGGEL,
MARSHAL H. BRIGHT,
C. B. F. PEASE,
Committee.

Catskill, N. Y., June the 12th, 1899.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE XXII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following action was taken with reference to a General Committee on the State of the Church :

WHEREVS, The General Synod has on two former occasions, about a half century apart, appointed Committees to report on the General State of the Church—the first in 1788 on the Americanization of the Polity of the Church, and the second in 1847 on the Improvement and Enlargement of the Policy of the Church, the results of which have been very beneficial and far-reaching ; and

WHEREAS, Another half century has passed since such a Committee was appointed, and, at the opening of the

twentieth century, the Church now stands in a far higher position as to knowledge and experience, means and opportunities, as well as responsibilities ; therefore,

Resolved, That a General Committee of twenty-four members be appointed, in harmony with the precedents alluded to, to review, so far as may be necessary, the past progress and present condition of all the departments of church work, and suggest plans for the improvement of the same, and report, if possible, next year.

Resolved, That in this Committee the several Boards and Institutions of the church have proper representation ; that the President of the General Synod be *ex-officio* one of its number, and that said Committee chose its own chairman, and have power to fill vacancies.

The following were appointed on the Committee :
Rev. G. S. Bishop, President of the Synod, *ex-officio*.

BOARDS.

Rev. H. N. Cobb,	-	Foreign Missions.
" C. H. Pool,	-	Domestic Missions.
" Joachim Elmendorf,		Board of Education.
" I. W. Gowen,	-	Board of Publication.
" A. G. Vermilye,	-	Board of Direction.

INSTITUTIONS.

Rev. J. P. Searle,	-	New Brunswick Seminary.
Elder Austin Scott,	-	Rutgers' College.
Rev. J. W. Beardslee,		Western Seminary.
Elder G. J. Kollen	-	Hope College.
Rev. Matthew Kolyn,	-	Northwestern Academy.

GENERAL.

Rev. J. B. Drury,	Rev. Edward B. Coe,
" Cornelius Brett,	" J. G. Van Slyke,
" James F. Zwemer,	" E. T. Corwin,
" Wm. Moerdyk,	" Jacob Van der Meulen,
" E. C. Oggel	" E. A. Collier,
" J. H. Karsten,	" P. T. Pockman,
Elder John S. Bussing,	Elder Jacob J. Janeway.

OVERTURE BY THE CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

In regard to the revision of the Church rolls the Classis of Newark begs leave to overture the General Synod in the following resolution, which it considers supplementary to the action of the last Synod :

Resolved, That the several consistories be directed to keep a separate list, including those members whose place of residence cannot be ascertained, or who have been absent without reporting themselves within the space of three years or more, and that these shall be regarded as irregular members, and not included in published lists nor in the yearly statistical report to the General Synod.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. WYCKOFF,

Stated Clerk, Classis of Newark.

Referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion appointed this year desire at this time to make a partial report in regard to the overture of the Classis of Newark concerning non-resident or absent members.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following action :

Resolved, That the several consistories be directed to keep a separate list, including those members whose place of residence cannot be ascertained, or who have been absent without reporting themselves within the space of three years or more, and that these shall not be included in published lists nor in the yearly statistical report to the General Synod, but suitable memoranda shall be made in the register of communicants opposite their names, indicating their absence, withdrawal or otherwise uncertain relations to the Church.

GEORGE S. BISHOP,
N. H. DEMAREST,
N. F. NICKERSON,
W. N. P. DAILEY.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the State of Religion, appointed last year, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted. It is as follows :

To the General Synod:

It is the duty of your Committee to present a report on the State of Religion in our Church, based upon the information contained in the minutes of the Particular Synods. So far as this information is statistical, it can be and has been carefully tabulated, and the results may be summarily stated as follows :

The number of Churches reported is.....	643
“ “ “ Ministers “ “	701
“ “ “ Families “ “	59,751
“ “ “ Additions on confession is.....	4,806
“ “ “ “ “ certificate “	2,825
“ “ “ Removals by dismissal, suspension and death is.....	4,666
“ “ “ Persons now in Communion is...	111,665

These numbers are greater than those of last year in every instance except as to additions on confession of faith. We have gained 10 churches, eighteen ministers, 1,057 families, and 952 communicant members. The number of accessions by certificate is, however, only 7 more, and that of additions on confession 233 less than in 1898, while the loss from the causes above named has been greater by 408. The total increase in our membership is in fact smaller than for several years past. In 1895 it was reported as 2,505 ; in 1896, as 1,771 ; in 1897, as 3,256 ; in 1898, as 2,213 ; this year it is 952. Nor is this falling off in the ratio of growth due to the revision of the rolls of some of the churches, for it will be seen that the figures last quoted correspond very closely with those obtained by deducting the losses from the additions during the past twelve months. The fact must be accepted, whatever its significance may be, that while during this period the Church has added about a thousand names to its roll, the rate of increase has been less than one-half that of 1895 and 1898, and less than one-third that of 1897. At the same time the number of persons received on confession has been diminishing from year to year, having been in 1895, 5,828 ; in 1896, 5,888 ; in 1897, 5,585 ; in 1898,

5,039 ; and this year, 4,806, or more than 1,000 less than in 1895 or 1896. Your Committee deem it their duty to call the attention of the Synod to these facts, in order that while we give thanks to the great Head of the Church for the progress that has been made, we may earnestly and prayerfully consider the question why it is that the rate of progress observed in other recent years has not been maintained.

The Sunday-school enrollment was reported a year ago as 123,667, an advance over that of the preceding year of nearly 3,000. There has been during the present year a slight decline, the number now being 123,059. The number of Sunday-schools is 922, as against 923 in 1898.

The benevolent contributions made during the year for Denominational Objects have increased by about \$6,000, from \$227,849 to \$233,831. On the other hand those made to Other Objects have fallen off by \$21,692, from \$103,846 (in 1898) to \$82,154 (in 1899). Upon the whole the Church has given less in the way of Benevolent Offerings by \$15,710 ; the total sums reported being, for 1898, \$331,695, and for 1899, \$315,985. Meanwhile its expenditures for Congregational purposes have increased by \$52,164, being for the year just ended, \$1,058,040, as against \$1,005,876 for the previous year.

Your Committee are well aware that statistics have in such matters as these only a limited value. The public mind has during the past year been greatly disturbed and it argues no diminution of fidelity on the part of our ministry, if the preaching of the Gospel and pastoral labor have not been followed by the results which are wont to attend them. There has been of late throughout the country a marked revival of commercial prosperity but the first effect of this has, not unnaturally, been to attract the enlarged financial resources of the people into secular channels, rather than into the treasury of the Lord. We see no reason for discouragement in the facts which we are obliged to report. But they should certainly prompt us as a church to earnest prayer for the mightier working of the Holy Spirit among us, and

to redoubled efforts under His gracious influence to develop a deeper spiritual life among our people and together into our fellowship those who are outside of the Christian fold.

Turning now to the Minutes of the several Particular Synods, we find that all of them describe the year as one of not more than average prosperity.

The Particular Synod of Albany, reports "a fairly prosperous condition of most of the churches. Though some seem to show a decline in numerical strength, others (and not a few) evidence a marked growth, so that your committee feels justified in reporting advance along nearly the whole line. A good degree of success has attended the labors of the churches, and this success calls for devout gratitude to God."

"The general tone of the reports" from the Particular Synod of New York, "is hopeful, though discouragements seem to have been present in sufficient numbers to cause their frequent mention. If in individual fields there have been losses, it is gratifying to note that improvement and enlargement have not been wanting." Some of the Classes record growing life and activity; others state "that the average success has not been great and that the situation is one which calls for serious consideration."

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick, reports that "the year has not been remarkable; in some particulars there has been increase, in others loss." The statements of the several Classes show that while faithful work has been done and in some instances decided progress has been made, the history of the year has not been such that it can be reviewed with unmingled satisfaction.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago, we have no survey of the whole field. Some of the Classes report "peace and enlargement throughout." Others record, "a slow growth." Others speak of signs of encouragement but deplore the low prevalent standard of spiritual life.

It is not believed by your Committee that the exper-

ience of our Church has been peculiar during the year past. It appears to have been shared by most of the religious denominations of this country. It ought not to dishearten us. "The sure foundation of God standeth." But it calls for more faith, more prayer, and a more determined and aggressive energy, if we are to be worthy of our past history and loyal to our divine master.

EDWARD B. COE,
Chairman (ex-officio.)

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

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First, Albany.....	Edward P. Johnson.....	360	20	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

† Report of 1897. No report since that time.

* Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—A. Dickson, Lansingburgh, N. Y.; J. A. H. Cornell, New Baltimore, N. Y.; C. P. Evans, Romeville, N. Y.; J. H. Enders, Synodical Superintendent, P. S. A., Fort Hunter, N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communion Members.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Beneficent.		Other Objects.	Congregational.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession.	On Certificate.															
														Denomina- tional Objects.	Beneficent.				
Amoor	L. R. Scudder, M. D.,	64	11	20	16	16	2	101	79	4	213	11	5	448	154 10 2	159	10	1	Banipet, Madras Pres., in.
Yehamur	Abraham Muni,	419	94	27	23	15	8	261	11	1	665	701	24	488	130 0 0	812	12	1	"
Ami	E. C. Scudder,	44	4	13	17	5	2	64	11	1	96	10	7	438	139 0 4	5	8	3	Ami N. A.
Alindal	"	26	2	8	5	3	1	28	2	1	65	30	2	34	6 1 0	9	1	1	"
Mariuvambadi	"	48	1	3	1	1	1	52	2	1	48	139	2	31	10 5 11	9	13	1	"
Vellanbi	"	16	2	3	1	1	1	22	2	1	45	8	1	19	7 5 11	10	14	11	"
Ganodiam	Moses Nathaniel,	66	5	4	1	1	1	35	3	1	151	89	7	140	55 10 6	26	6	4	Chelpett
Satanabedi	"	28	3	1	1	1	1	32	3	1	89	10	1	23	9 5 4	4	15	5	"
Chitroor	John Yessuraim,	163	95	33	24	14	2	168	60	57	943	215	16	475	213 4 7	268	13	31	Chitroor
Conroor	E. C. Scudder,	64	3	4	5	4	4	90	4	3	139	11	4	130	136 5 4	102	12	9	Ami
MADAPALLE	John Soud,	304	15	31	22	2	2	161	30	9	277	256	13	555	59 10 8	60	16	4	Madanappalle
PALANER	E. Teyman,	24	2	9	16	1	1	52	5	1	43	13	2	127	113 8	9	10	1	Palanmer, N. A.
TINDIVANAM	J. H. Wyckoff, B. C.,	48	13	9	11	1	1	89	10	12	147	23	6	342	133 13 7	15	9	4	Thindivanam, B. A., M. P. J.
Orator	Messiah Peter,	77	1	9	12	1	1	83	10	1	121	144	5	95	25 8	8	1	1	Villupuram
Valeripett	"	72	18	1	1	1	1	74	21	21	133	136	7	90	22 8	8	1	1	"
Nerasinganur	"	66	1	1	1	1	1	74	21	21	133	136	7	90	22 8	8	1	1	"
Glouce	John Peter,	61	1	7	1	1	1	64	5	1	70	78	2	48	23 8	8	1	1	Glouce
Variala	"	49	3	12	13	4	4	74	13	1	116	30	4	70	24 12	11	1	1	Gingee
Kolapattam	"	88	23	13	15	4	4	143	26	30	166	68	8	179	218 5 10	105	1	4	"
Vilankulam	S. A. Sebastian,	51	11	16	23	5	5	109	6	1	142	16	4	179	218 5 10	105	1	4	Vallore, N. A.
Kandipittur	Isaac Lazar,	121	5	11	13	5	5	131	15	9	152	149	6	170	17 4 8	2	10	6	Thiruvallam
Sehudi	"	74	4	1	1	1	1	93	6	8	101	69	2	73	4 4	3	10	10	"
Karnadi	Benjamin Thomas,	173	8	5	5	5	5	146	14	9	277	233	8	250	60 2	6	4	11	Karnadi
Kolapall	"	183	8	1	1	1	1	78	4	4	311	156	10	250	35 4	2	3	1	"
Total		3172	223	222	200	64	46	2304	230	212	2896	2702	165	4681	1000 1 11	118	5	4	3854

Other Ministers.—J. Chamberlain, M.D., L. B. Chamberlain, Madras, India; W. I. Chamberlain, in America; John Scudder, M.D., H. J. Scudder, Vellore, India; J. A. Beattie, Chittoor, India; H. Haring, Arcot, India.
Candidates.—S. Sankaran, J. Selvam, S. Chellan, Elias Nathaniel, N. Jotinayakam, John Wilkins, J. M. Seondram, David Muni, Cephas Whitehead, Misses Corneille, Japannal Aroor, J. Solomon, J. Daniel, P. Timothy, T. Samuel, J. I. David, Edward Bedford, D. Lasarna, Joseph Paul Bailey, John Kay, K. Sankar, A. Isaac.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Baptism.	On Certificate.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Com- municants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomi- national Object.	Benevolent.		Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, Hackensack.	Herman Vanderwart.	377	10	5	3	4	609	10	4	300	300	22	600	\$1,400 00	\$ 157 00		\$4,500 00 Hackensack, N. J.	
First, Hackensack.	Geo. H. Cotton.	110	26	11	9	175	4	14	14	30	30	1	174	1,713 06 Schraalenburgh.	330 50		1,713 06 Schraalenburgh.	
English Neighborhood.	Marcus J. Hoop.	60	8	4	1	68	1	1	1	20	20	1	80	1,200 74 Ridgefield.	130 60		1,200 74 Ridgefield.	
New Durham.	Isaac W. Gowen	268	57	18	6	349	78	17	439	439	439	6	2900	4,840 16 Weehawken.	947 17		4,840 16 Weehawken.	
First, Hoboken.	W. R. Ackert, Ass't.	55	18	1	1	75	5	4	5	35	35	1	345	1,406 28 Hoboken.	31 96		1,406 28 Hoboken.	
North Bergen.	John Just.	70	8	1	1	80	31	3	3	86	86	1	480	1,618 75 Weehawken.	50 00		1,618 75 Weehawken.	
Second, Hackensack.	Arthur Johnson.	215	14	6	8	243	31	5	5	258	258	1	300	5,927 17 Hackensack.	1,177 30		5,927 17 Hackensack.	
German Ev. Hoboken.	John Rudolph.	260	81	23	23	387	558	261	5	5	5	10	750	5,160 00 248 Garden St., Hoboken.	555 00		5,160 00 248 Garden St., Hoboken.	
Third, Hackensack.	John Bombin.	72	6	1	1	80	32	1	1	10	10	1	180	700 00 Hackensack.	3 07		700 00 Hackensack.	
Closter.	Henry Ward (S. C.).	70	6	4	5	85	30	1	1	50	50	1	137	1,678 00 Closter.	26 00		1,678 00 Closter.	
Palisades.	Artemas Dean.	158	1	1	2	162	10	10	10	80	80	1	130	1,080 78 Fort Lee.	167 93		1,080 78 Fort Lee.	
Guttenberg.	Wm. Manches (S. S.).	34	7	1	2	44	13	3	3	20	20	1	275	1,215 00 Passaic.	10 00		1,215 00 Passaic.	
Central Av. Jersey City.	Chas. S. Wright.	130	12	11	8	161	13	2	2	250	250	1	405	5,493 91 89 Bowers St., Jersey City.	10 00		5,493 91 89 Bowers St., Jersey City.	
Cherry Hill.	Abram Duryce.	65	8	3	5	81	4	1	1	18	18	1	104	1,506 88 Cherry Hill.	35 31		1,506 88 Cherry Hill.	
Secaucus.	Vacant.	30	1	1	1	33	3	3	3	13	13	1	62	150 00 Secaucus.	5 76		150 00 Secaucus.	
Spring Valley.	D. M. Talmage.	60	12	1	1	74	5	1	1	3	3	1	330	250 50 Maywood.	27 08		250 50 Maywood.	
Westwood.	John T. E. DeWitt.	70	2	4	4	80	8	1	1	84	84	1	133	1,393 83 Westwood.	33 32		1,393 83 Westwood.	
Oradell.	Chas. L. Shepard.	70	7	1	2	80	6	1	1	58	58	1	110	1,364 73 Oradell.	20 00		1,364 73 Oradell.	
Eastbrook Heights.																	Eastbrook Heights.	
Total.		1655	341	95	73	2067	492	56	578	1206	1206	37	6876	\$5,505 48	\$2,957 16		\$83,437 73	

Revised List.

* Revised List.

Other Ministers.—J. H. Hallagh, Yokohama, Japan; Chas. L. Cliss, Far Rockaway, N. Y.
 Candidates.—Earl Kruse, Robert W. Blake.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. & S. B. B.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		On Confession.	On Communion.	On Baptism.	On Marriage.	On Death.	On Baptism.	On Marriage.	On Death.	On Baptism.	On Marriage.	On Baptism.	On Marriage.	On Death.	On Baptism.	On Marriage.	On Death.	
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brod.....	347	18	17	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	Bergen Ave., Jersey City
First, Bayonne.....	Chas. H. Jones.....	354	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	5	11	Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne St.....	John Alex. Brown, P. R.....	98	19	11	18	11	18	11	18	11	18	11	18	11	18	11	18	Bayonne, N. J.
Park, Jersey City.....	Paul D. Van Cleef.....	290	33	9	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	Jersey City
Bergen Point.....	J. Francis Morgan.....	774	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
Second, Hudson City.....	Asbury E. Krou.....	280	18	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
Lafayette.....	Edith A. Meury.....	148	12	20	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
Greenville.....	Thos. J. Kommer.....	160	5	8	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
Free, Jersey City.....	Charles J. Allen.....	100	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
Third, Bayonne.....	Henry C. Cusack.....	102	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
First, German Evan'g.....	Herbert L. Francis.....	137	50	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
St. John's, German Ev.....	John Heiniger.....	128	30	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jersey City
	Gotlieb Andrae.....	1901	126	75	106	3	51	2606	365	41	780	1317	17	4777	84,578	70	\$2,408	Jersey City
	Total.....																	Jersey City

† Pastor Emeritus.

‡ Last year's report.

* Includes cost of organ.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Anserman, Assistant Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, 35 E. 2nd Street, New York; Wm. D. Grant, Hespeler, Ontario, Canada.

CLASSIS OF DAKOTA.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS. B. A. P.										C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Members.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Membership.	Denominational.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Charles Mix.	Bernard Mollena.	17	6	1	1	1	1	8	34	1	35	59	85	9	41	\$ 98 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 94 00	S. D.
Bethel.	Ernest F. Koerlin.	18	10	1	1	1	1	14	23	1	24	38	38	1	39	4 00	1 00	1 07 00	Platte,
Benzeret.	C. F. Dewitz.	16	10	1	1	1	1	14	41	1	42	48	48	1	50	18 00	1 00	1 07 00	Davis,
Delaware.	Ernest F. Koerlin.	18	10	1	1	1	1	14	24	1	25	48	48	1	50	28 00	1 00	1 07 00	Yankton,
Grand View.	Classical Missionary.	37	8	1	1	1	1	12	54	4	58	75	77	1	78	63 00	74 00	183 00	Arnaud,
Harrison.	A. G. Zigler.	37	8	1	1	1	1	12	140	18	158	167	168	1	169	385 00	9 00	598 00	Harrison,
Hope.	A. V. Dyckna.	36	1	1	1	1	1	4	64	18	82	107	107	1	108	18 00	3 00	708 00	Wentfield,
Immanuel.	J. P. Bernstra.	32	1	1	1	1	1	4	44	8	52	71	71	1	72	18 00	3 00	323 00	Perkins,
First, Lennox.	G. H. Haken.	43	6	1	1	1	1	9	57	13	70	160	160	1	161	32 00	14 00	1 114 00	Lennox,
Second, Lennox.	J. H. Schoon.	43	6	1	1	1	1	9	40	13	53	170	170	1	171	51 00	16 00	1 461 00	Lennox,
Olive Leaf.	Classical Missionary.	14	1	1	1	1	1	4	19	13	32	170	170	1	171	190 00	117 00	1 288 00	Wakonda,
Orange City.	Vacant.	53	10	2	2	2	2	6	107	13	120	115	115	1	116	27 00	5 00	358 00	Orange City,
Salem.	W. F. Barney.	36	10	4	4	4	4	12	57	1	58	60	60	1	61	5 00	5 00	127 00	Salem,
Bandham.	Classical Missionary.	15	1	1	1	1	1	4	31	1	32	1	1	1	33	10 00	74 00	88 00	Monroe,
St. Louis Centre.	Classical Missionary.	17	1	1	1	1	1	4	53	1	54	1	1	1	55	10 00	74 00	88 00	St. Louis Centre,
St. Louis Falls.	Classical Missionary.	17	1	1	1	1	1	4	15	3	18	1	1	1	19	8 00	3 00	91 00	St. Louis Falls,
Vanden Berg.	Classical Missionary.	17	1	1	1	1	1	4	37	5	42	54	54	1	55	6 00	30 00	36 00	Hooker,
Van Ralte.	Classical Missionary.	18	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	7	7	1	8	3 00	3 00	34 00	Tule,
First, Wernier City.	Classical Missionary.	18	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	7	7	1	8	3 00	3 00	34 00	Wernier,
Yankton.	C. F. Dewitz.	18	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	3	4	7	7	1	8	16 00	16 00	149 00	Yankton,
Total.		608	98	17	14	14	14	6	863	112	975	868	868	18	886	\$1,016 00	\$388 00	\$856 00	

* Revised List.

† Received from Presbytery of Sioux City, April 19, 1899.

Other Ministers.—Henry Teichrieb, Pasadena, California; Stephen J. Harnelting, Classical Missionary and Stated Clerk, Marion Junction, South Dakota; Rev. Jan. Stevensberg, Leipzig, Germany.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomin- tional.			Other Objects.	Benevolent.
Atwood	William Pool	46	5	4			1	69	1	1	170	80	30	70	\$ 48 00	...	...	\$ 800 00	Atwood, Autrim Co., Mich.
Coopersville	William H. Bruins	46	13	28	1	1	4	102	4	1	131	68	130	130	95 00	...	...	680 00	Coopersville, Mich.
Detroit	John Krenet	40	7	28	1	1	1	93	4	1	111	60	111	111	93 00	...	...	912 00	300 Catherine St., Detroit
Falmouth	John Hoekje	50	1	1	1	1	1	89	7	1	95	10	10	10	2 00	...	...	42 00	42 00 Falmouth, Missaukee Co., Mich.
First, Grand Rapids	T. W. Mullenburg, S. C.	235	7	11	1	1	6	307	23	1	750	200	460	460	75 00	...	...	2,385 00	Grand Haven
Second	D. J. DeBey	166	7	12	1	1	6	307	16	1	380	105	485	485	474 00	...	...	4,567 00	123 Ransom St., Gr. Rapids.
Third	Adrian Kretz	238	18	6	1	1	7	354	27	1	630	205	340	340	311 00	...	...	2,700 00	75 S. East St., Grand Rapids.
Fourth	J. W. Warmbult	260	15	16	1	1	8	378	26	1	577	150	434	434	400 00	...	...	3,726 00	583 No. Jones St., "
Fifth	A. Buurma	260	15	16	1	1	6	332	3	1	675	240	436	436	368 00	...	...	3,774 00	35 Church St., "
Oakdale Park	P. De Pres, S. S.	40	4	16	1	1	4	219	14	1	323	176	70	70	45 00	...	...	1,617 00	Oakdale Park, "
Seventh, Grand Rapids	James F. Zwemer	132	7	23	1	1	4	163	13	1	300	80	110	110	963 00	...	...	1,617 00	364 W. Leonard St., "
Eighth	Peter Ihmsen	132	10	5	1	1	6	163	13	1	300	80	110	110	70 00	...	...	665 00	South Grand Rapids, Mich.
Ninth	J. W. Twilite	70	12	6	1	1	6	119	8	1	320	130	185	185	103 00	...	...	561 00	Cor. Deloney & Walden St., Mich.
Grandville	D. Brock	89	7	1	1	1	6	130	10	1	175	65	100	100	103 00	...	...	464 00	Grandville, "
First, Kalamazoo	E. W. Stapelkamp	848	11	9	1	1	3	450	14	1	512	200	417	417	487 00	...	...	4,283 00	Kalamazoo, "
Second	P. Siegers	100	13	4	1	1	4	172	14	1	338	190	200	200	191 00	...	...	1,003 00	Kalamazoo, "
Third	John Lathen	70	8	6	1	1	9	125	5	1	300	70	130	130	37 00	...	...	1,100 00	Kalamazoo, "
Fourth	J. J. Van Zanten	44	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	60	1	1	1	43 00	...	...	...	Moorestville, "
Moorestville	Herman Van der Ploeg	200	18	6	1	1	5	307	27	1	603	300	485	485	493 00	...	...	1,756 00	106 Spring St., Muskegon, "
First, Muskegon	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	68	4	1	122	65	85	85	67 00	...	...	685 00	New Era, "
New Era	...	35	2	1	1	1	3	68	4	1	133	30	45	45	10 00	...	...	140 00	New Era, "
Rehoboth	Classical Missionary	31	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	405	169	160	160	151 00	...	...	110 00	South Haven, "
South Haven	B. Hoffman	85	6	1	1	1	3	127	12	1	405	169	160	160	151 00	...	...	873 00	Spring Lake, "
Spring Lake	Classical Missionary	38	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	58	...	1	1	33 00	...	...	183 00	Kalamazoo, "
Twin Lake	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	58	...	1	1	16 00	...	...	...	Vogel Center, Missaukee Co.,
Vogel Center	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		3280	171	146	110	9	68	4178	383	5	5719	2572	96	4081	\$4,637 00	\$3,990 00	\$35,116 00			

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† Revised List.

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. C. A. L. John, Classical Missionary, Holland, Mich.; Rev. B. Dulker, American; Rev. A. Oltmann, Soga, Japan.

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CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAPT.		O. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Rec'd		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Revolvent.		Congregational.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.											Denominational Object.	Other Object.				
Athens, First.	W. N. P. Dalley.	125	18	8	5	..	8	103	4	7	23	..	..	178	\$ 388 59	\$ 30	\$9,494 69	Athens, N. Y.
Athens, Second	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75 50	Athens, " "
Catskill, First.	W. H. S. Demarest.	208	22	9	6	..	11	206	6	11	47	300	3	303	1,310 37	133 00	10,049 00	Catskill, " "		
Catskill, First	..	135	10	5	1	..	5	268	3	3	73	..	..	140	917 80	..	1,978 51	West Coxsackie, " "
Coxsackie, Second.	E. S. Barium, S. C.	140	9	4	6	..	8	901	2	1	30	40	2	500	533 18	64 68	1,918 00	Coxsackie, " "		
Klatsam	Wm David Ward.	78	3	1	..	..	5	180	1	2	76	..	..	76	150 00	..	855 00	Klatsam, " "
Leeds	C. M. Perlee.	68	2	3	..	..	6	136	1	2	86	27	1	44	110 08	..	912 37	Leeds, " "
Total	Total	708	57	25	19	..	29	1338	16	25	210	539	12	896	\$6,011 71	\$285 42	\$15,163 27			

* One, Union.

Other Ministers.—Andrew Parsons, Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co., California; Walter Winant, Tappan, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						B. A. P.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Cate-chumens.	No. of R. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Object.	Beverland.	Other Objects.		Congregational.	
Beaerdam.	Wm. G. Bias.	49	9	4	1	2	3	95	4	167	1	80	1	100	\$ 139 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 554 00	Beaerdam, Mich.	
Second, Cleveland.	G. H. Hosper.	42	6	1	1	1	1	96	11	120	1	78	1	190	102 00	98 00	104 00	84 Colgate St., Cleveland, O.	
Drenthe.	Vacant.	47	4	1	1	1	1	75	9	121	1	50	1	70	18 00	6 00	353 00	Oakland Mich.	
East Overisel.	Jacob Poppen.	51	5	1	1	1	1	89	5	141	1	55	1	75	74 00	6 00	180 00	Oakland Mich.	
Ebenezer.	J. Vander Meulen.	25	3	1	1	1	1	40	5	52	1	30	1	45	104 00	139 00	100 00	Holland.	
Gelderland.	Vacant.	58	4	1	1	1	1	123	7	173	1	105	1	130	78 00	139 00	654 00	Graafschap, Hamilton.	
Graafschap.	J. Van Houte.	65	3	1	1	1	1	144	8	187	1	105	1	130	78 00	139 00	654 00	Graafschap, Hamilton.	
Hamilton.	H. K. Boer.	108	10	17	3	2	2	301	17	330	2	275	2	353	703 00	91 00	5,209 00	Holland.	
First, Holland.	J. Van Houte.	117	9	6	10	2	4	250	18	335	2	275	2	353	703 00	91 00	5,209 00	Holland.	
Fourth.	G. H. Dubbink.	41	15	20	3	2	3	64	9	110	76	1	76	1	65	34 00	3 00	378 00	Holland.
Fourth.	A. W. De Jonge.	90	18	9	11	3	3	134	12	203	132	1	174	1	277 00	33 00	1,040 00	Forest Grove, Mich.	
First, Jamestown.	B. W. Lammer.	30	2	2	1	1	1	54	6	107	63	1	80	1	80	30 00	31 00	308 00	Jamestown, Mich.
Second.	R. S. Schlatter.	125	4	3	14	5	5	219	24	453	208	1	365	1	495	919 00	111 00	1,790 00	New Holland, Mich.
North Holland.	Vacant.	154	30	5	15	6	6	415	34	400	300	1	400	1	495	919 00	111 00	1,790 00	Overisel, Mich.
Overisel.	V. Vanden Berg.	154	30	5	15	6	6	415	34	400	300	1	400	1	495	919 00	111 00	1,790 00	Overisel, Mich.
Saugusack.	Vacant.	46	4	1	1	1	1	78	4	160	92	1	115	1	115	133 00	3 00	549 00	South Hendon, Mich.
South Hendon.	D. Scholten.	46	4	1	1	1	1	78	4	160	92	1	115	1	115	133 00	3 00	549 00	South Hendon, Mich.
Three Oaks.	H. Frieling.	80	5	4	1	1	1	145	9	101	41	1	41	1	68	80 00	5 00	329 00	Three Oaks, Mich.
Ypseland.	G. De Jonge, S. C.	72	10	1	7	3	3	145	9	101	41	1	41	1	68	80 00	5 00	329 00	Ypseland, Mich.
Zeeland.	J. P. De Jong.	900	24	11	9	8	6	457	15	1	500	230	1	450	1	2,960 00	163 00	9,174 00	Zeeland, Mich.
Total.		1412	136	133	7	46	46	9284	192	3,3309	3173	13	3064	13	3064	\$4,800 00	\$641 00	\$31,356 00	

Other Ministers.—Rev. A. Zwager, Emerison, Holland, Mich.; Rev. Albertus Peters, Missionary, Nagasaki, Japan.

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CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		
																Desecrating Objects.	Other Objects.		Beneficial.
First, Claverack.....	George H. Burrill.....	186	4	11	1	1	4	260	9	.....	.....	.....	80	4	268	\$ 508 84	\$ 138 81	\$ 1,400 00 Claverack Col. Co., N. Y.
Gallatin.....	Benjamin A. Bartholf.....	168	4	3	2	2	3	169	5	.....	.....	.....	130	2	212	250 00	60 00	1,038 40 Mt Rose, Dutchess Co., "
Germanstown.....	Charles E. Corwin.....	178	4	3	2	2	3	164	5	.....	.....	.....	60	2	225	168 00	14 81	1,050 00 Germanstown, Col. Co., "
Greenport.....	Charles E. Corwin.....	108	4	3	2	2	3	104	5	.....	.....	.....	50	2	125	1,058 00	480 00	4,086 00 Greendale, "
Hudson.....	Charles E. Corwin.....	270	7	13	7	12	18	635	3	.....	.....	.....	75	3	635	144 00	37 00	1,176 00 Hudson, "
Livingston.....	Jonah W. Vaughan (s. c.).....	70	3	3	4	3	1	181	3	.....	.....	.....	30	2	201	27 18	7 44	1,731 00 Livingston, "
Livingston at Laitliffe.....	Frederick K. Schild (s. c.).....	73	3	3	4	3	1	96	3	.....	.....	.....	45	2	148	131 85	20 22	1,363 00 Laitliffe, "
Mellenville.....	David M. Hunter.....	110	4	1	1	1	6	315	3	.....	.....	.....	100	1	308	854 50	81 68	1,576 43 Mellenville, "
Philmont.....	Francis V. Van Vranken.....	130	11	4	3	3	5	303	3	.....	.....	.....	106	1	389	108 31	69 17	1,651 54 Philmont, Dutch Co., "
Upper Red Hook.....	Vacant.....	60	3	3	3	3	1	180	3	.....	.....	.....	80	1	189	117 89	6 18	1,019 16 Upper Red Hook, Dutch Co., "
West Copake.....	William E. Compton.....	97	3	3	3	3	1	180	3	80	1	189	117 89	6 18	1,019 16 West Copake, Col. Co., "
	Total.....	1948	41	38	28	2	26	3118	29	19	306	713	16	1766	\$ 3,318 00	\$ 907 00	\$ 16,163 00

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Other Ministers.—Edward T. Corwin, New Brunswick, N. J.; David P. Williams, Albany, N. Y.; Mortimer Smith, Saugerties, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.			COMMUNICANTS.			BAPT.		O. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
	Number of Families.	On Confirmation.	Dis- missed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benefactor.			Congregational.
													Deconun- gation.	Other Objects.		
Bethany	26	7	1	2		40	6	1	106	56		70	\$ 39 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 300 00 Sully, Iowa.	
Bethel	52	1	1	2		37	6	1	68	20		115	15 00	345 00	205 00 Pella, Iowa.	
Bethlehem	19	2	1	1		54	2	2	88	80		190	6 00	0 00	48 00	511 00 Bushnell, Iowa.
Buenos Aires	50	2	1	1		80			90	104		174	92 00	2 00	287 00 Leighton, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	43	1	2			154			169			174	175 00	58 00	1,480 00 Fairview, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	113	4				285			60	70		110	25 00		800 00 Galeburg, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	22	3				90			60			110	25 00		500 00 Havana, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	401	6	3			188	10	4	60			110	25 00	300 00	2,475 00 Irving Park, Chicago.	
Buenos Aires	46	11	3			188	10	4	60			110	25 00	6 00	881 00 Mahto, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	63	4	2	1		75	11	3	12			110	60 00	6 00	1,325 00 736 W. Chicago Av., Chicago.	
Buenos Aires	59	4	2	1		188	11	3	12			143	134 00		1,177 00 Norwood Park, Chicago, Ill.	
Buenos Aires	38	0	0			166	75		165	75		143	134 00		283 00 Otley, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	98	6	0			141	16	8	16	28		165	18 00		2,604 00 Pella, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	47	3	1			149	16	8	16	28		165	18 00		1,084 00 Pella, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	60	3	1			149	16	8	16	28		165	18 00		578 00 Pella, Iowa.	
Buenos Aires	53	4	1			114	3	2	11	30		164	65 00		300 00 Hartford, Ill.	
Buenos Aires	42	2	1			84			11	30		164	65 00		300 00 Hartford, Ill.	
Buenos Aires	48	4	2			126	12	2	125	50		170	228 00		2,190 00 639 W. Harrison St., Chicago.	
Total	1058	77	38	68	4	18,1948	107	35	1143	473	26	2988	\$2,056 00	\$600 00	\$17,964 00	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. B. Jaramona, Denver, Col.; Rev. G. Van Eenkerik, Pulla, Iowa; Rev. P. Van der Kam, DuQuoin, Ill.; Rev. A. Wormser, Wormser, Montana; Rev. W. H. Pflumer, Jamsalt, N. Y.; Jesse W. Brooks, Dist. Sec. Amer. Tract Society and Sec. Chicago Tract Society, 167-169 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

CLASSIS OF IOWA.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					RAP.	C. O. & B. S.					CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confirmation.			On Certificate.		Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total Enrollment.	CONTRIBUTIONS.				
			Rec'd.	On Confirmation.	On Certificate.										Denominational.		Other Objects.	Beneficial.	
Alton	Peter Lepeltak	114	0	0	18	4	1	319	13	321	183	1	321	183	1	321	183	Alton, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
Bethel	Henry J. Pietropol	56	4	0	8	3	1	140	16	146	95	1	146	95	1	146	95	Leola, Nobles Co., Minn.	
Boydton	William Wolfina	83	5	10	3	3	1	70	9	79	40	1	79	40	1	79	40	Boydton, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
Carmel	J. W. Te Selle	40	11	2	3	3	1	40	4	44	2	1	44	2	1	44	2	Carmel, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
Churchville	S. J. Menning	30	8	3	1	1	1	30	2	32	4	1	32	4	1	32	4	Churchville, Le Mars, Iowa.	
Clara City	Vacant	14	14	1	1	1	1	14	1	15	1	1	15	1	1	15	1	Clara City, Chippewa Co., Minn.	
Firth	William Stegeman	11	17	14	1	1	1	11	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	Firth, Lancaster Co., Neb.	
Friesland	S. Koster	7	17	14	1	1	1	11	1	12	1	1	12	1	1	12	1	Friesland, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
Holland	Anthony M. Van Duine	117	16	2	5	1	1	4	27	31	418	210	1	418	210	1	418	210	Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb.
Holmes	Dick J. Te Grotenhuis	56	2	8	7	1	1	118	15	133	80	1	133	80	1	133	80	Holmes, Sioux Co., Iowa.	
Hull	Marinus E. Broekstra	70	2	18	6	2	1	57	4	61	16	1	61	16	1	61	16	Hull, Le Mars, Iowa.	
Le Mar	Harm Dykhuizen	28	5	3	3	1	1	28	1	29	1	1	29	1	1	29	1	Le Mar, Plymouth Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Aart Van Ardenonk	66	7	1	1	1	1	66	1	67	1	1	67	1	1	67	1	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	John W. Te Pauke	66	3	2	11	1	1	131	20	151	160	1	151	160	1	151	160	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Vacant	90	6	6	1	1	1	47	4	51	40	1	51	40	1	51	40	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Vacant	90	6	6	1	1	1	47	4	51	40	1	51	40	1	51	40	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	John M. Lumkes	90	14	16	15	1	1	408	38	446	370	1	446	370	1	446	370	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	N. M. Steffens	201	14	16	15	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135	11	3	1	1	1	835	15	850	154	1	850	154	1	850	154	Le Mar, Phillips Co., Ia.	
Le Mar	Henry J. Veldman	135																	

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S. E.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Disseminated.	Suspended.	Died.	Total new in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Memorial Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Bloomington	Joseph Millett.	180	5	5	1	1	7	7	881	20	125	125	1	325	\$ 80.08	\$ 10.00	\$ 900.00	Bloomington, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Grove	Herbert Hagaman (s.d.)	180	4	4	1	1	0	0	817	0	238	100	1	350	884.78	17.00	1,430.98	High Falls.
Deerpole Falls	T. A. Bess.	180	4	4	1	1	0	0	817	0	238	100	1	350	1,430.98	17.00	1,430.98	High Falls.
Gardner	Carl E. Lander.	70	4	4	1	1	0	0	531	5	81	118	1	118	19.00	10.00	1,637.10	Gardner.
Guilford	A. H. Schlieder.	70	4	4	1	1	0	0	531	5	81	118	1	118	19.00	10.00	1,637.10	Guilford.
Union	E. B. Soley.	245	5	5	1	1	0	0	817	0	238	100	1	350	1,430.98	17.00	1,430.98	Union.
Kingston, Fair Street.	Supplied.	245	5	5	1	1	0	0	817	0	238	100	1	350	1,430.98	17.00	1,430.98	Kingston.
Kronville	Supplied.	245	5	5	1	1	0	0	817	0	238	100	1	350	1,430.98	17.00	1,430.98	Kronville.
Lyonville	George Davis (s.d.)	80	3	3	1	1	0	0	514	12	40	12	1	12	14.00	14.00	218.00	Lyonville.
Marbletown, North	John L. McNair.	80	3	3	1	1	0	0	514	12	40	12	1	12	14.00	14.00	218.00	Marbletown, North.
New Falls	William Coombe.	270	10	10	5	5	10	0	918	6	400	100	1	500	500.00	118.00	807.00	Stone Ridge.
Hochester	William Coombe.	108	3	3	4	4	0	0	178	7	178	7	1	178	94.84	18.00	2,880.00	New Falls.
Rosedale	Joseph Millett.	70	4	4	1	1	0	0	531	5	81	118	1	118	19.00	10.00	1,637.10	Rosedale.
Rosedale Plains	Joseph Millett.	80	1	1	1	1	0	0	125	3	125	3	1	125	10.00	4.00	600.00	Bloomington.
St. Henry.	Joseph Millett.	80	1	1	1	1	0	0	125	3	125	3	1	125	10.00	4.00	600.00	Bloomington.
Total		1,038	71	66	59	6	73	3,338	88	93	1,038	588	80	2,906	\$1,460.40	\$438.94	\$30,690.83	

Order Ministers.—Paul T. Devo, Farmville, N. Y.; James Cantice, Milledale; Samuel T. Seale, New Brunswick, N. J.; J. R. Lamb, Boerha, Washingtonville, N. Y.

Candidate.—Eugene H. Kantor, Rosendale, N. Y.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.		Total now in Comm.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Object.	Other Object.	Total.				
														Rec'd		Discontinued.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.
Jamaica.....	Robert E. Wick.	200	5	5	13	4	201	12	12	12	12	12	12	\$ 736 33	\$ 80 00	\$ 816 33	2200 49 Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
Newtown.....	Charles K. Clearwater.	135	20	20	5	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	140 00	140 00	270 00	2900 00 Newtown, N. Y.
Oyster Bay.....	Walter Tracy Scudder.	100	10	10	5	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	131	161 38	7 58	168 96	1800 48 Oyster Bay, L. I., N. Y.
North Hempstead.....	Alfred Duncombe.	170	10	10	5	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185 00	69 00	254 00	2433 78 North Hempstead, N. Y.
Williamburgh.....	Howard Wilbur Kniss.	121	17	17	11	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Astoria.....	Robert Charles Kaucher.	121	17	17	11	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	155	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Flushing.....	Rockwell H. Potter.	122	21	21	8	163	163	163	163	163	163	163	163	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Kent Street, Brooklyn.....	Lewis Francis.	180	8	8	10	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	198	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
South Bushwick.....	George D. Huist.	200	21	21	10	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	241	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Second, Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.	100	8	8	10	118	118	118	118	118	118	118	118	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
East Williamsburgh.....	Vacant.	12	1	1	2	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Queens.....	J. S. N. Demarest.	81	6	6	2	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
German Ev., Brooklyn.....	John C. Guenther.	200	31	31	3	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Saville.....	John Hoffmann.	62	1	1	3	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Locust Valley.....	Vacant.	36	1	1	3	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
College Point.....	Frank Malven.	105	9	9	3	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
First, L. I. City.....	Alexander Shaw.	50	8	8	4	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Bushwick.....	William H. Jackson.	200	8	8	4	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	216	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
German Ev., Jamaica.....	Vacant.	66	6	6	1	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Hicksville.....	Ernest Gutwiler.	73	1	1	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Second, Newtown.....	August G. F. Bender.	58	9	9	1	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Steinway.....	Uriah D. Glick (S. S.).	44	9	9	1	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Church of Jesus, Bklyn.....	Vacant.	66	7	7	1	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
New Hyde Park.....	Vacant.	17	1	1	1	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Sunnyside, L. I., City.....	Daniel P. Doyle.	20	6	6	2	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	243 08	448 68	691 76	2400 00 Astoria, L. I.
Total.....		2479	190	190	67	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	277	\$6,400 43	\$1,147 40	\$7,547 83	

Other Ministers.—E. H. Atwater, 813 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. H. Ten Eyck (S. O.), 108 West 83d Street, New York; Robert H. Barr, Newburgh, N. Y.; James Demarest, 11 Bevers Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Bennesser, 273 Lincoln Street, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.; John U. Smock, Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.; David E. Van Gieson, 81 Kent Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Candidates.—Harmon H. Shook, 69 Nassau Street, New York.

* Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.		On Confession.				Total now in Comm.	Total of Baptized.		Number of Cate- chumens.	Rep of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	C. C. & S. S.		
		Rec'd	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Infants.		Adults.	Other Objects.				Beneficent.		Congregational.
First Reformed.	James M. Farrar	245	47	56	17	10	401	39	13	1295	9	1295	1,077 79	\$ 1,000 00		327 President St., Brooklyn.
Flatbush	Corneilus L. Wells	150	31	11	9	4	210	11	1	490	150	1	2,392 00	2,550 00		900 Flatbush Av., " N. Y.
Grace Chapel.	William H. Boncock.	186	4	15	2	1	208	11	1	819	30	1	504 50	58 71		199 Lincoln Road, " "
New Utrecht.	Alfred H. Brush	209	4	13	1	4	231	9	1	400	75	1	2,102 13	196 95		3,504 57 7930 13th Av., " "
Gravesend	Peter V. Van Buskirk	130	7	5	1	7	202	27	9	278	40	1	611	905 49		4,500 00 Station M., " "
Flatlands	John S. Gardner (a.c.)	88	3	5	1	5	102	7	1	378	50	1	611	905 49		3,500 00 44 Kowenhoven Pl., " "
New Lots	Nicholas Terno	160	4	1	1	1	177	8	1	372	50	1	611	905 49		3,500 00 New Lots Av. Sta. M., " "
East New York.	Benj. E. Dickhaut	230	13	15	15	8	271	8	1	430	50	1	611	905 49		3,500 00 153 Vermont Av., " "
South Brooklyn	John E. Lloyd	237	45	10	12	4	349	81	4	630	1	1	630	407 00		3,500 00 153 Vermont Av., " "
13th Street.	Everet Van Slyke (a.s.)	145	37	59	11	19	238	10	8	74	1	1	74	3,613 00		7,379 15 975 Carroll Street, " "
Church-on-the-Heights	J. Douglas Adams	160	10	8	4	15	207	10	1	875	15	1	875	105 96		403 Washington Av., " "
Bethany Chapel.	George N. Mately	135	31	4	4	15	173	15	1	431	1	1	431	340 00		1,550 00 125 Vanderbilt Av., " "
New Brooklyn.	Fred. C. Ehrhardt	186	31	4	4	15	207	10	1	875	15	1	875	105 96		37 53 1033 Heckmar St., " "
Second Flatbush	Louis Goebel	242	6	1	1	1	250	10	1	139	11	1	139	15 00		331 84 Church Ave., " "
Canarsie	John Ficken	25	4	1	1	1	31	11	1	66	1	1	66	39 00		1,550 00 Canarsie, " "
Canarsie	Vacant	25	4	1	1	1	31	11	1	66	1	1	66	39 00		1,550 00 Canarsie, " "
St. Thomas, W. I.	A. M. Arruquine	25	4	1	1	1	31	11	1	66	1	1	66	39 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Ocean Hill.	A. Messier Quick	50	4	5	3	1	63	1	1	35	1	1	35	15 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		St. Thomas, Danish W. I.
Greenwood	Wm. Ten Eyck Adams.	40	8	5	3	1	52	8	1	34	1	1	34	90 00		

* Including 123 Members of Grace Chapel. † List in process of revision. ‡ Revised List.

Other Ministers. Daniel Repalle, Amoy, China; John Mason Ferris, Editor "Christian Intelligence," Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Uriah D. Gulick, Steubenville, L. I. City; D. N. Vanderwerf, Greenport, L. I.; Walter T. Griffin, Limoges, France; U. S. Connel, Edwin F. Bee, Y. M. C. A., 602 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. L. Zaboritzke, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. R. Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. D. W. Mason, Editor "Mission Field," 36 E. 2nd Street, N. Y. City; H. F. Jones, Bergen Point, Bayonne, N. J.; William D. Perry, 139 Washington Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Daniel Van Pelt, 80 Remsen Street, Astoria, N. Y.; James C. Hume, Babylon, L. I.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Com- municants.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Denominational.	Benevolent.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
Bethany, Grand Rapids.	James Osewaarde.	74	0	0	4	0	0	205	3	3	125	145	1	146	200	\$ 212 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 2,080 00	E. & Baldwin St., G'd Rpts Mich.
Britton.	N. F. Nickerson	40	0	0	1	0	0	31	3	3	15	145	1	146	102	17 00	25 00	1,340 00	Britton, Mich.
Centerville.	Henry S. Bailey.	70	20	20	2	0	0	0	114	3	15	145	1	146	140	.....	.....	1,340 00	Centerville, Mich.
Constantine.	Vacant.	26	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	1	40	40	.....	47 00	1,288 00	Constantine, Mich.
De Spelder.	N. F. Nickerson	18	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	1	125	35	1	35	35	3 00	.....	116 00	Britton, Mich.
Grace, Grand Rapids.	J. Van de Erve.	63	0	10	8	0	0	170	8	8	125	70	1	127	127	96 00	8 00	1,096 00	Britton, Mich.
Second, Grand Haven.	G. Z. Collier.	63	0	0	1	0	0	184	10	10	135	90	1	186	186	949 00	101 00	1,950 00	424 Hall St., G'd Rpts, Mich.
First, Grand Rapids.	Vacant.	123	7	0	16	0	0	382	8	8	135	15	1	136	268	473 00	36 00	2,364 00	Grand Haven, Mich.
Hope, Holland.	H. Gough Birchby, S. C.	144	3	0	0	0	0	224	0	0	170	75	1	171	370	472 00	92 00	2,834 00	Grand Haven, Mich.
3d Kalamazoo.	John Van der Meulen.	130	41	0	4	0	0	275	4	4	170	75	1	171	311	853 00	35 00	3,208 00	Holland, Mich.
Macon.	C. A. Jongewaard.	44	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	1	73	73	49 00	1 00	474 00	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Ed Muskegon.	F. Boemendaal.	88	0	0	0	0	0	122	0	0	175	60	1	180	180	117 00	30 00	1,601 00	Ed Muskegon, Mich.
South Bend.	J. P. Winter.	60	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	145	50	1	146	145	85 00	5 00	784 00	310 Collar Ave., S. Bend, Ind.
South Macon.	C. A. Jongewaard.	13	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	80	31	1	81	80	8 00	5 00	908 00	Macon, Mich.
Total	.....	901	91	44	54	30	21	1737	48	14	848	480	15	495	3871	\$1,765 00	\$ 485 00	\$17,700 00	

Other Ministers.—Samuel Strong, South Branch, N. J.; J. Talmadge Bergen, Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Isaac Collier, Battle Creek, Mich.; P. P. Beld-
ler, Collisville, Ill.; H. V. S. Peck, Kagoebina, Japan; Henry Holzinga, Baptistal, Madras, Pres. India; John A. Otto, M.D., Amoy, China.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B. A. P.		C. C. & S. B.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational.			
																Other Objects.		Beneficent.	Congregational.
First, Freehold	Charles W. VanZee	84	1	1	1	0	0	4	178	3	1	178	75	161	161	\$ 83 98	\$ 12 78	\$2,135 76	Marlboro, N. J.
Holmdel	Garrett Wyckoff	56	1	1	1	0	0	3	118	3	1	118	75	113	113	\$70 50	43 70	1,700 00	Holmdel, "
Middletown	Peter K. Hageman	50	6	3	3	4	0	2	115	4	4	115	40	90	90	156 41	7 00	2,593 58	Middletown, "
Second, Freehold	Isaac P. Brokaw	150	6	4	4	0	0	6	247	3	3	247	80	150	150	697 40	145 69	2,615 70	Freehold, "
Keyport	E. W. Greene	43	1	1	1	0	0	1	106	10	0	106	20	61	61	38 00	23 00	1,198 25	Keyport, "
Long Branch	Bergen B. Slatte	32	6	1	1	0	0	1	130	2	0	130	20	50	50	98 43	34 61	1,465 47	Long Branch City, "
Cola Neck	S. H. Cunningham	23	5	1	1	0	0	0	85	4	0	85	20	30	30	98 30	31 67	1,033 06	Cola Neck, "
Highlands	Vacant	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	24	60	60	319 00	31 00	1,737 00	Abbey Park, N. J.
Abbey Park	Peter Stryker	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	24	60	60	319 00	31 00	1,737 00	Abbey Park, N. J.
Total	Total	641	36	14	14	30	1	23	1590	26	13	1603	318	661	1,321	\$1,987 95	\$357 36	\$15,003 82	

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; W. H. Van Doren, Griggstown, N. J.; Jas. T. Scholtz, S. C. Keyport, N. J.

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CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adoles.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.		Beneficent.		
Amsterdam, First.	J. R. Kyle.	102	10	20	4	1	1	154	154	2	1	1	1	40	1	302	\$ 298 00	\$130 00	\$5,071 00	Amsterdam, N. Y.
Amsterdam, Trinity	E. J. Hickink.	80	8	12	1	1	1	123	123	2	1	1	1	70	1	233	72 00	85 00	1,225 00	"
Aurietville.	J. C. Boyd, S. S.	49	8	12	1	1	1	40	40	2	1	1	1	70	1	70	54 00	15 00	1,898 00	Fonda.
Buffalo.	J. Perry Beaver.	73	8	12	1	1	1	40	40	2	1	1	1	70	1	70	31 00	15 00	1,075 00	Buffalo.
Canojoharie.	Joseph D. Peters.	90	6	16	1	1	1	124	124	3	5	5	1	186	1	186	178 00	56 40	2,011 00	Canojoharie.
Cicero.	Vacant.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18 00	5 00	30 00	Cicero.
Columbia.	F. V. W. Lehman, P. E.	25	2	4	0	0	0	40	40	4	0	0	0	34	1	34	12 00	8 00	175 00	Columbia.
Cranesville.	Vacant.	54	2	4	0	0	0	66	66	4	0	0	0	70	1	70	47 00	3 00	303 00	Cranesville.
Cherrytown.	Peter B. Beckman.	33	4	4	0	0	0	93	93	4	0	0	0	8	1	8	119 00	25 00	1,050 00	Cherrytown.
Epworth.	Charles L. Palmer.	45	2	4	0	0	0	93	93	2	0	0	0	160	1	160	19 00	30 00	585 00	Epworth.
Florida.	Richard A. Pearse.	70	4	1	0	0	0	108	108	3	2	2	1	180	1	180	68 00	50 00	900 00	Florida.
Fonda.	John A. De Baun.	214	4	4	0	0	0	10	10	3	2	2	1	250	1	250	875 00	50 00	2,230 00	Fonda.
Fort Berkimer	Supplied.	80	4	4	0	0	0	46	46	5	1	1	1	30	1	30	4 00	4 00	355 00	Fort Berkimer.
Fort Plain.	E. A. McCullum	189	7	23	0	0	0	303	303	21	3	3	1	100	1	100	385 00	53 00	2,980 00	Fort Plain.
Fultonville.	Wm. Schmits, B. C.	187	2	7	0	0	0	143	143	4	2	2	1	104	1	104	300 00	71 00	1,751 00	Fultonville.
Glen.	Raymond A. Lansing.	52	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	4	15	15	1	132	1	132	107 00	36 00	1,060 00	Glen.
Hagaman	Wm. A. Wurt.	77	4	8	0	0	0	4	4	1	3	3	1	100	1	100	31 00	31 00	942 00	Hagaman.
Herkimer	John G. Gebbard.	100	3	8	1	0	0	5	5	9	8	8	1	100	1	100	308 00	33 00	2,008 00	Herkimer.

'CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY (CONTINUED).—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						C. O. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Late-entrants.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Contributions.	
										Infants.	Adults.						Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Beneficial.
Johnstown	John Van Burk.	50	4	1	1	1	1	87	3	3	5	180	\$ 22 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 800 00	Johnstown, N. Y.		
Manheim	Louis H. Babler, S. S.	48	2	1	1	1	5	96	1	3	1	41	6 00		300 00	Luganville Mills, "		
Mapletown	John A. Thomson, S. S.	80		2			2	98				63	25 00		300 00	Sprakers, "		
Mohawk	E. J. Meeker, P. E. ††	70						138							300 00	Sprakers, "		
Nanburg	Vacant	18						33	4	12		253	50 00		23 00	Nanburg, "		
Owasco	J. A. Rodgers	100	12	1	1	1	15	113	1	1		54	35 00		1,073 00	Owasco, "		
Owasco Outlet	E. W. Florence, P. E.	25	1	1	1	1	4	55							473 00	Auburn, "		
Point Rock	F. E. Schlieder, S. S. ††	6						14								West Leyden, "		
St. Johnsville	O. J. Hogan, P. E.	180	3	3	3	3	12	240							1,764 00	St. Johnsville, "		
Sprakers	John A. Thomson	60	3	3	3	3	12	240							603 00	Sprakers, "		
Stone Arabia	Charles L. Palmer	80						140	5	3		117	57 00	6 00	400 00	Ephraim, "		
Syracuse First	Philip H. Cole	175	15	10	5	4	34	284	4	4		335	75 00	453 00	5,473 00	Syracuse, "		
Syracuse Second	Vacant	33	1	1	1	1	4	64				38	130 00	31 00	1,404 00	" "		
Thousand Islands	J. Van Rie	70	3	1	1	1	6	104				104	75 00	167 00	1,318 00	Alexandria Bay, "		
Utica	Peter Orsippell	100						178	8	1		58	519 00	216 00	3,985 00	Utica, "		
West Leyden	F. E. Schlieder	33	1	1	1	1	4	53				53	59 00	31 00	300 00	West Leyden, "		
Total		943	123	75	49	3	75	4,136	91	58	4,167	\$4,174 00	\$1,757 00	\$38,856 00				

Other Ministers.—The Rev. D. Lord, Jordanville, N. Y.; E. B. Williams, 124 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Prof. Oren Beck, Chateau, N. Y.; A. D. Milnor, Mohawk, N. Y.; Joel Loncke, McKinley, N. Y.; Harry D. Leland, Peola, Kansas; Wm. H. Shilland, Wallington, N. Y.; P. Q. Wilson, Easton, N. Y.; Dr. Van Allen, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. R. Thyme, Johnstown, N. Y.; Chas. Meier, Syracuse, N. Y. *Student Candidates.*—Howard Furbeck, Van Allen, Syracuse, N. Y. † Including \$684 for chapel debt. †† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. O. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Penomen- donal Object.	Other Object.	Congregational.	
Bellville.....	Vacant.....	180	28	8	7	..	9	325	10	8	..	120	1	341	\$ 390 25	\$ 118 00	\$2,750 00	Bellville, N. J.
First, Newark.....	T. J. Lee.....	280	..	..	..	..	217	..	..	..	..	..	..	315	..	..	..	622 High St., Newark, "
Irrington.....	C. E. Wyckoff, S. C.....	108	4	10	8	..	6	154	6	..	..	..	..	223	48 04	38 50	2,617 03	Irrington, "
New York Av., Newark.....	John S. Allen.....	160	16	2	9	..	8	333	12	5	..	..	..	378	409 44	273 88	2,819 59	100 New York Av., Newark, "
Newark.....	William Stuart.....	95	..	..	..	..	..	113	4	..	..	118	..	118	324 83	4 78	1,383 68	Nutley, N. J.
North, Newark.....	Vacant.....	440	27	30	13	..	11	688	18	..	..	..	..	1,461	12,913 12	8,265 71	21,604 17	..
Weston Ave., Newark.....	Carl Giranner.....	74	25	10	..	..	7	280	115	17	..	40	..	380	54 00	6 80	1,085 14	Blum St., Newark, N. J.
Trinity, Newark.....	Daniel H. Martin.....	460	75	41	20	..	12	780	13	17	..	..	..	440	2,821 00	178 27	9,481 28	1 Johnson Av., " "
Linden, Newark.....	N. M. Morris.....	150	18	6	9	..	16	170	10	8	..	..	..	270	15 87	60 00	2,800 00	483 Ferry St., " "
Grass, Newark.....	W. V. Schenck.....	164	7	6	..	..	8	281	4	1	..	..	..	370	53 60	430 00	955 03	329 Communipaw Av., J. City
Stone House Plains.....	W. R. Bogardus.....	45	..	..	..	..	..	83	8	..	..	..	..	91	153 77	14 00	2,028 00	84 Delaware Av., Newark, N. J.
Orange Plains.....	George S. Bishop.....	265	22	19	..	..	4	375	8	5	..	100	..	390	1,053 41	160 80	4,269 45	Brookdale, "
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Corneille Schenck.....	265	18	23	8	..	6	380	18	3	..	..	..	435	570 68	227 16	10,460 04	East Orange, "
Garrison, Plainfield.....	George Hunter.....	38	2	5	..	..	1	80	8	..	..	5	..	40	35 00	..	1,251 00	Plainfield, "
Montclair Heights.....	Charles W. Gulick.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	..	40	49 97	16 00	4,041 19	Montclair Heights, "
Total.....	..	3,656	139	172	..	..	65	4,028	582	29	102	439	15	8,386	\$17,527 71	\$6,953 46	\$95,747 73	..

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hurt, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Ganser, Linden, N. J.; M. G. Hansen, 113 William Street, East Orange, N. J.; James C. Garrison, Rahway, N. J.

* Revised roll.

† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS. B.A.P.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Communicants.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Object.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Poelman.	990	53	14	28	2	11	876	22	4	170	498	1	498	\$1,847 48	\$937 83	\$4,810 49	219 Townsend St., N.B.W.P.
Six Mile Run.	G. M. S. Elwert.	190	6	6	7	1	16	845	2	3	200	513	4	513	300 00	57 00	1,500 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Millsboro.	Theodore Blaser.	145	1	6	6	1	7	806	5	5	95	300	1	300	300 00	53 84	1,843 84	Milstone.
Middlebrook.	James Le Ferre.	85	1	1	1	1	4	139	3	1	80	100	1	100	200 00	24 00	1,400 00	Middlebrook.
Griggstown.	James L. Bonnard.	83	1	1	1	1	4	108	2	1	100	170	1	170	111 87	10 00	723 18	Griggstown, N. Brunswick.
Second New Brunswick.	M. H. Hutton, S. C.	104	5	6	12	2	2	873	3	1	100	298	1	298	1,150 86	81 00	4,904 31	28 Union St., N. Brunswick.
Bound Brook.	Chas. T. Anderson.	70	7	3	8	2	2	783	2	1	88	166	1	166	27 00	8 50	1,802 08	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third New Brunswick.	Carl Meyer.	10	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	22	1	22	25 00	.....	806 80	New Brunswick.
East Milstone.	A. Paige Poole.	72	3	3	3	1	1	133	1	1	1	75	1	75	38 00	16 67	1,217 87	East Milstone.
Metuchen.	Vacant.	69	3	3	3	3	3	169	4	3	59	130	1	130	249 00	14 00	1,589 00	Metuchen.
Saydam St., N. Brunswick.	Alon D. Campbell.	60	4	7	5	3	3	528	10	1	205	285	1	285	508 96	74 75	2,088 73	146 Livingston Av., N. B.W.
Higland Park.	Alex. S. Van Dyck.	41	3	3	3	3	3	78	4	1	1	58	1	58	76 19	8 00	1,388 40	Higland Park.
Spotwood.	John O. Bayles.	45	13	4	1	1	3	96	1	5	1	66	1	66	41 06	11 31	800 00	Spotwood, N. J.
Total.	Total.	1178	78	43	80	5	40	2701	58	16	297	1066	28	2,150	\$3,186 31	\$1,851 97	\$24,183 00	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick, N. J.; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Japan; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; H. D. B. Malford, New Brunswick, N. J.; John Dewitt, 28 East 23d Street, N. Y. City; Aug. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; John S. Thompson, Trenton, N. J.

Candidates.—T. D. W. Bailey, N. Y.; A. G. Van Allen, Jansburg, N. J.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.										COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C.C. & S.S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.											
	Number of Families.						On Confession.		On Certificate.		Dismissed.		Suspended.		Died.		Total now in Com- munion.		Infants.		Adults.		Total of Baptized Members.		Number of Cate- chumens.		No. of B. Schools.		Total Enrollment.		Denomina- tional Object.		Other Object.		Congregational.		
	Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Members.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Object.	Other Object.	Congregational.																					
Collegiate	Edward B. Coe, S. M.	1970	180	66	167	8	84	8023	88	17	.....	8	2850	\$48,118 00	\$8,217 00	.....	48 W. 53d St., N. Y. City																		
" Fifth Avenue	Donald Sage Mackay	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 E. 66th St., " "					
" Madison	A. Hageman, Asst.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 W. 64th St., " "					
" Marble	David J. Farrell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	346 W. 75th St., " "					
" West End	Alfred E. Myers, Asst.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 W. 70th St., " "					
" Middle	A. H. Bradshaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	370 West End Ave., " "					
" North Ch. Chapel	Henry E. Cobb	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 Rutherford Place, " "					
" Thirty-fourth St.	John G. Fagg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	University Heights, " "					
" Knox Mem. Chap.	Edward Niles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	328 Central Park W., " "					
" Vermilye Chapel	John H. Elliott	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	408 W. 41st St., " "					
Staten Collegiate	William Vaughan	.....	88	107	45	3	14	1747	36	13	.....	450	2	1175	\$5,010 00	\$7,748 00	" Winthrop, 156th St., 7th Ave., N. Y. City																		
" South	Joschim Elmendorf	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	960 Lenox Ave., " "					
" Manor Chapel, South	William J. Harsha	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 W. 120th St., " "					
" Staten Island	Edgar Tilton, Jr.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 Madison Ave., N. Y. City					
" Bloomingdale	Roderick Terry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	972d N. 7th St., Newark, N. J.					
" Madison Avenue	James Palmer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,670 00 Port Richmond, S. I.					
" German Evangel. Mission	Alfred H. Demarest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,000 00 B'way and 48th St., N. Y. C.					
" Huguenot	Madison C. Peters	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,586 00 711 Park Ave., " "					
	Abbott E. Kittredge	1,786 00 79 Second St., " "																				
	Jellies W. Geyer	700 00 Sea Side, S. I., " "																				
	David Junior																				

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		Number of People.	On Confirmation.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Resigned.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Domestic Object.	Other Object.	Congregational.	
Mott Haven.....	Vacant.....	100	6	9	15	..	10	205	23	..	150	200	2	200	\$ 270 00	\$ 100 00	..	Woody Crest Ave., H. B.
Union, High Bridge.....	Vacant.....	125	4	8	12	..	2	194	12	1	107	150	1	205	645 00	945 00	1,778 00	946 West 40th St., N. Y. City.
Fourth German.....	John H. Carter.....	110	15	..	4	..	2	250	25	1	150	35	1	250	263 00	115 00	..	3 E. 94th St., "
Prospect Hill.....	D. McL. Quackenbush.....	22	..	..	..	..	..	57	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	803-513 St., "
Avenue B. German.....	Jacob Schlegel.....	125	27	..	8	..	11	623	206	..	..	43	..	630	105 00	250 00	..	603-513 St., "
Brighton Heights.....	James C. Stont.....	130	12	12	1	..	4	180	4	..	..	..	1	205	260 00	154 00	3,111 00	New Brighton, S. I.
Union.....	Vacant.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53th St., near 1st Av., "
Norfolk St. German.....	Charles Schlegel.....	40	..	..	..	..	2	200	44	..	..	40	3	200	..	..	..	Kreischerville, S. I.
Kreischerville, St. P'ts.....	Jacob Gans.....	200	4	10	2	..	2	160	12	1	..	19	2	200	..	..	..	130 E. 26th St., N. Y. City.
Grace.....	Joseph R. Duryea.....	220	15	6	5	..	6	265	19	3	..	40	1	220	136 00	233 00	4,415 00	353 W. 145th St., "
Hamilton Grange.....	Charles B. Chapin.....	126	12	21	47	..	4	219	6	9	..	..	..	250	280 00	70 00	3,365 00	504 E. 126th St., "
Church of the Comforter.....	Henry V. S. Myers.....	20	5	3	..	..	..	55	1	1	14	100	..	110	35 00	..	941 00	504 E. 126th St., "
Anderson Memorial.....	James Hunter.....	21	..	..	..	..	..	62	5	..	..	..	..	130	5 00	..	1,256 00	2343 Bathurst Ave., "
West Farms.....	Herman C. Weber.....	50	1	1	..	..	..	25	1	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	547 00	Boston Road, West Farms.
Northam.....	Joseph Martin Hodson.....	120	5	4	1	..	3	227	14	1	..	..	..	162	773 00	80 00	5,327 00	Forham, N. Y.
St. Anthony Memorial.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Columbia.....	..	27	1	..	..	..	1	105	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	163 40	..
Total.....	..	4990	542	355	435	..	4123	11380	071	55	678	1508	40	11949	\$75,937 00	\$23,559 00	\$35,885 40	..

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Other Ministers.—Leonard W. Kip, Amoy, China; C. H. E. Wolf, E. Robbsey Miller, Yokohama, Japan; Hasbrouck Du Bois, High Bridge, New York City; G. H. Manderville, 123 W. 3rd St., N. Y. City; Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J.; E. A. Reed, Holyoke, Mass.; A. J. Park, Huntington, Conn.; W. W. Clark, 87 W. 36th St., New York City; A. G. Vermilya, Englewood, N. J.; William Westerfield, 107 W. 122d Street, N. Y. City; Walter Laidlaw, N. Y. City; E. J. Funk, Hyde Park, N. Y.; A. E. H. Bechger, London, Eng.; Thos. O. Lowe, New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.; Frank H. Wright, Walter C. Roe, Colony, Oklahoma; Fred. J. Barry, Ardha; William B. Baker, 240 Third Street, Jersey City, N. J.; Chas. H. Dickerson, W. L. Johnson, Onongabe, S. C.; Henry M. Cox, Royce, N. J.

Candidates.—M. G. Schwarta, Henry Z. Kyla, N. Y. City.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		On Confession.					Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Care- takers.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benefactor.		Other Objects.	Congressional.	
		Rec'd.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	On Confession.	On Certificate.										Demolition.	Benefactor.				Other Objects.
Barre.....	E. V. V. Searle, S. C.	25										17	10	1	1	42	\$ 68 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 538 00	Walden, N. Y.
Bloomington.....	J. L. Stillwell.....	60	1	1	1	2	98	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	78	68 00	15 00	700 00	Bloomington, N. Y.	
Calicoon.....	Henry Unglaub.....	64	8	1	1	2	135	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	119	11 00	15 00	735 00	Calicoon, "	
Chillicothe.....	Vacant.....	17					41	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	74	74 00		745 00	Grahamsville, "	
Condoebachville.....	Louis Heber.....	53	3	1	1	1	94	8	8	10	100	208	10	1	46	814 00	718 00	4,122 00	Condoebachville, "	
Deerpark.....	Thomas H. Mackenzie.....	254	18	10	4	1	12,539	7	5	200	1	200	15	1	243	241 00	263 00	4,121 00	Port Jervis, "	
Ellenville.....	Bernard C. Berg.....	170	11	3	2	1	3,804	7	5	185	7	15	1	1	146	107 00	8 00	2,461 00	Ellenville, "	
Fairbush.....	B. T. Blakely.....	83	11	3	2	1	185	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	100	8 00		2,461 00	Woodbourne, "	
Grahamsville.....	Vacant.....	27	21	1	1	1	98	8	16	7	1	7	1	1	80	8 00		318 00	Grahamsville, "	
Kerhonkson.....	C. Van Oostenbragge.....	60	1	1	1	1	168	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	80	6 00		400 00	Kerhonkson, "	
Mansueting.....	S. T. Clifton.....	65	8	4	1	1	168	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	80	10 00		749 00	Wurtsboro, "	
Ministink.....	Vacant.....	82	1	1	1	1	168	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	80	3 00		180 00	Montague, New Jersey.	
Montgomery.....	J. F. Berg.....	176	5	1	1	7	425	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	285	688 00	40 00	2,148 00	Montgomery, N. Y.	
Newburgh.....	Robert H. Beattie.....	193	8	5	5	1	301	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	271	921 00	194 00	4,090 00	Newburgh, "	
New Hurley.....	John A. Tourston.....	104	6	1	1	3	151	4	5	50	75	128	1	1	102	43 00	8 00	1,167 00	New Hurley, "	
New Prospect.....	E. O. Moffatt.....	104	4	1	1	2	188	4	6	143	1	143	1	1	143	270 00	62 00	1,147 00	Pine Bush, "	
Port Jervis, Second.....	D. T. Harris.....	86	5	1	1	1	40	12	12	17	60	1	1	1	100	17 00		827 00	Port Jervis, "	
Shawangunk.....	B. Vandeburg.....	88	8	6	1	1	165	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	165	46 00	21 00	1,100 00	Brunswick, "	
Unionville.....	Vacant.....	7					13	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	85	4 00		40 00	Grahamsville, "	
Walden.....	Wm. Wyckoff Schamp.....	180	10	19	8	10	385	7	4	130	286	1	1	1	235	546 00	126 00	2,269 00	Walden, "	
Walkill Valley.....	Marion T. Quakle.....	95	4	1	1	1	194	12	12	10	1	1	1	1	215	313 00	61 00	1,419 00	Walkill, "	
Walpack, Upper.....	Vacant.....	74					126	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	100	60 00	35 00	700 00	Diagman's Ferry, Pa.	
Walpack, Lower.....	Chas. H. Whitaker.....	45	1	1	1	1	45	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	80	19 00	5 00	635 00	Bushkill, "	
Wawarsing.....	C. Van Oostenbragge.....	187	115	46	47	4	70,837	81	61	498	1,578	28	1	1	2186	\$5,498 00	\$1,537 00	\$30,700 00	Napanoch, N. Y.	
Total.....																				

Other Ministers.—P. W. Ruhl, Grahamsville, N. Y.; J. B. Barnard, Chester, N. Y.; E. A. Hendrickson, Finabing, L. I., N. Y.; S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Gilbert S. Garretson, Diagman's Ferry, Pa.
Candidates.—August M. Glendon.

—Revised List.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Missions	On Conference.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Prod.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	No. of B. Records.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Object.	Other Objects.	Amount.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Acquanahonck.....	{ John Gaston, Em Amie Vannema.	179	15	8	16		7	396	4		230	300	1	346	\$1,577 80	\$2,238 78	\$10,193 78	Pascale, N. J.
Centerville.....	Anson DeBols.	90	10	2	11		1	46	5		8	20	1	100	30 00	194 43	811 00	Pascale, N. J.
Clarktown.....	Garret M. Conover	96	10	2	11		1	177	4		8	20	1	100	30 00	194 43	1,065 36	West Nyack, N. J.
Clifton.....	Vacant	55	8	3	8		1	101	5		43	43	3	948	85 81	40 07	1,338 36	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield.....	W. G. Myles	55	8	3	8		1	79	8		2	43	3	180	35 43	727 06	727 06	Garfield, N. J.
Glen Rock.....	Vacant	16	2	1	1		1	21	9		1	10	1	53	14 08	288 50	288 50	Ridgewood, N. J.
Hawthorne.....	Wm Johnston	47	9	8	1		1	47	9		1	10	1	90	18 00	474 87	474 87	Dawthorne, N. J.
Loch, First Holland	Tunis B. Houste.	80	10	10	2		3	132	13		1	120	1	140	46 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	Loch, N. J.
Loch, Second.....	Vacant	170	15	6	9		9	332	9		4	150	1	205	133 59	551 27	4,366 00	Nyack, N. J.
Paramus.....	Wm H Vroom	113	9	3	3		3	305	4		1	100	1	100	337 33	6 00	2,081 00	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pasack.....	Edward Lodewick.	100	3	3	3		3	305	4		1	100	1	100	337 33	17 00	1,086 93	Park Ridge, N. J.
Pasack, First Holland.	Martin Lipsey	235	27	4	8		3	331	55		2	300	1	310	148 00	11 00	3,500 00	Pasack, N. J.
Pasack, North.....	J. H. Whitehead.	110	13	4	9		2	298	6		200	1	1	310	148 00	356 79	7,170 30	Pasack, N. J.
Paterson, Broadway.	Ellas W. Thompson.	110	5	4	1		5	263	3		1	150	1	335	543 64	541 33	5,181 35	Auburn St., Paterson, N. J.
Paterson, First Holland.	Fred G. Dekker.	130	19	15	1		1	330	37		1	150	1	170	135 00	105 0	1,946 00	Quinton St., N. J.
" North.....	Wm. Johnston	85	11	5	3		1	41	8		1	113	1	113	30 00	33 00	430 34	" N. J.
" Second.....	Theo W. Welles, S. O.	178	11	4	3		5	300	31		2	150	1	450	335 81	331 45	2,655 07	Temple St., Paterson, N. J.
" Third.....	Edward S. Ralston	60	7	1	1		1	112	3		2	100	1	180	345 59	166 56	1,387 00	Permont, N. J.
Paterson, A. A. King	Vacant	70	1	1	1		1	137	9		6	100	1	330	60 00	5 00	1,323 03	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramapo.....	J. A. VanNeste	194	11	13	7		5	340	10		3	367	60	351	404 30	114 53	5,519 13	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River.....	J. VanNeste	71	9	1	1		1	83	1		37	60	1	251	64 33	190 00	1,250 53	Saddle River, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	C. E. Crispell	80	3	3	3		3	122	3		61	183	1	109	333 15	43 00	1,340 55	Spring Valley, N. J.
Tappan.....	Wm N Oliver	60	6	3	5		5	149	6		50	40	1	97	134 57	10 00	1,398 69	Tappan, N. J.
Warwick.....	Taber Knox.	150	4	3	7		7	395	6		91	110	1	101	1,118 53	503 74	2,913 71	Warwick, N. J.
West N. Hempstead.	Henry Wells Brink	48	11	5	4		1	98	4		1	24	53	60	90 73	5 38	513 68	Spring Valley, N. J.
Wortendyke, Holland.	W. Lenebach	70	8	5	5		1	188	18		1	170	78	76	10 37	5 38	943 50	Wortendyke, N. J.
Total.....		9,456	197	126	100	1	64	4,903	347	57	18,086	1907	88	4,351	\$8,434 40	\$4,576 34	\$73,093 77	

Other Members.—Robert M. Oford, Passaic, N. J.; Henry Deiser, Hawthorne, N. J.; Nathaniel E. Van Andele, Christian Intelligence, 4 and 6 Warren Street, New York; Thomas S. Duinberre, Warwick, N. Y.

Candidates.—Hans H. Spoor, 130 Remsen Street, Astoria, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	BAP.		Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	No. of B. Deacons.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational.	Other Objects.		Benevolent.
		Recd								Infants.	Adults.								
Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	73	3	1	1	1	1	129	1	1	1	108	1	1	1	\$ 319 87	\$ 28 30	\$1,241 07	Boonton, N. J.
Fairfield	Otto L. F. Mohr	60	16	5	2	2	2	85	2	2	2	110	2	2	2	94 00	15 00	1,438 48	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
First, Little Falls	Cornelius M. Stephens	74	5	6	7	7	7	105	5	5	5	144	5	5	5	127 05	13 55	3,500 30	Little Falls, "
Second, Little Falls	Vacant	25	5	5	5	5	5	33	5	5	5	45	5	5	5	40 00	14 00	130 00	Little Falls, "
Montville	Abraham Matrice	50	1	1	1	1	1	104	1	1	1	90	1	1	1	78 15	14 00	827 91	Boonton, "
People's Park, Paterson	Ferdinand S. Wilson	115	4	5	5	5	5	205	4	4	4	220	4	4	4	51 90	55 50	1,698 02	Paterson, "
Pompton	John S. Hagan	140	14	6	6	6	6	226	11	11	11	335	11	11	11	417 85	24 14	3,173 51	Riverdale, Morris Co., "
Pompton Plains	Jasper Hagan	123	7	6	6	6	6	232	6	6	6	435	6	6	6	523 86	24 14	4,520 54	Pompton Plains, "
Ponds	John W. Foster	153	4	4	4	4	4	231	4	4	4	435	4	4	4	523 86	24 14	4,520 54	Pompton Plains, "
Peekskill	John W. Foster, S. C.	153	4	4	4	4	4	231	4	4	4	435	4	4	4	523 86	24 14	4,520 54	Pompton Plains, "
Riverdale	John H. Church	130	4	4	4	4	4	140	4	4	4	100	4	4	4	115 30	55 51	1,321 74	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Birth, Holland, "	E. VanHouten	150	20	4	4	4	4	230	4	4	4	400	4	4	4	371 18	48 79	3,238 56	East 18th St., Paterson, "
First, Toluca, "	Thos. Fowler, Vernoll	150	27	7	7	7	7	233	16	16	16	340	16	16	16	408 75	73 00	3,460 00	Paterson, "
Union, Reformed, "	E. B. Niles	230	6	6	6	6	6	294	27	27	27	380	27	27	27	408 75	73 00	3,460 00	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	A. Westre	85	1	1	1	1	1	123	4	4	4	80	4	4	4	113 30	23 14	1,773 00	Paterson, "
	Total	1,233	114	80	63	63	63	1,677	196	196	196	2,454	196	196	196	\$81,765 36	\$651 10	\$351,500 33	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "

Other Ministers.—J. O. Crullbank, Inwood Avenue, Upper Montclair, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass.; G. A. Lockenbill, Bacon Hill, N. Y.; A. A. Zablatko, Mendham, N. J.

* Exclusive of legacies.

† Including \$1,050 for church repairs.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. & S. B. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	Rec'd	Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Bapt.	Total of Baptized	Non-Communion.	Number of Cate-	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
No and So, Hampton	Horace P. Craig	110	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	296	15	401	\$559 64	\$ 10 70	\$1,536 00	Churchville, Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, S. C.	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	170 14	12 25	1,404 85	Harlingen, N. J.
Kearlatic	John Hart	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	297 45	12 10	1,600 00	Newark, N. J.
First, Philadelphia	P. H. Mulliken	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	271 55	12 30	1,455 00	1455 Poplar St., Phila., Pa.
Second, "	W. H. Williamson	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	183 60	12 00	1,350 00	25 21 N. 7th St., "
Fourth, "	P. J. Kain	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	231 00	12 00	1,350 00	141 Grape St., Manayunk, Pa.
Blawenburgh	John S. Van Orden	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	115 65	14 00	1,350 00	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	A. C. Bird	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	41 64	14 00	1,350 00	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill	E. G. Ackerman	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	30 10	12 50	1,000 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill	Vacant	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	132 52	12 50	1,000 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. P. D. Suckers	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	120 46	12 46	1,000 00	1223 E. Susa Av., Phila., Pa.
Addaville	Sidney O. Lawing	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	120 46	12 46	1,000 00	Richboro, Pa.
Three Bridges	O. M. Voorhees	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	115 63	10 46	1,000 00	Three Bridges, N. J.
Welmar Memorial	H. C. Willoughby	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	148 31	8 00	1,000 00	Three Bridges, N. J.
South, Philadelphia	Isaac L. Kip	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	100	148 31	8 00	1,000 00	Conarton St., Richboro, Pa.
Total		1181	77	33	53	2	43	2751	75	15	608	1339	26	3,350	\$2,943 63	6	\$31,401 15	

Other Ministers.—G. E. Gram, Ardmore, Pa.; A. Stoll, Raipore, Central Provinces, India; W. J. Skilman, Editor of City and State, 4419 Pecan Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; N. I. M. Robert, Metuchen, N. J.

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CLASSIS OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C.C. & S.S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Confession		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total Enrollment.	Benefactor.			Other Object.
			Demolition.	Other Object.												
Alexander	Supplied	12	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	48	28	\$ 12 00	—	78 00	Alexander, Ia.	
Applington, Ia.	J. Scheuer	13	0	0	—	—	—	14	—	50	28	17 00	—	10 00	Applington, Butler Co., Ia.	
Bayville	J. De Bees	50	0	0	—	—	—	14	—	122	40	170 00	\$ 41 00	986 00	Bayville, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Classical Missionary	—	23	0	0	—	—	—	27	0	122	24	91 00	—	18 00	Bayville, Ogle Co., Ia.	
Cartersville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	32	300	3 00	—	—	Cartersville, Lyon Co., Ia.	
C. F. W. Husted.	—	40	38	—	5 34	—	—	150	9	67	24	—	—	—	C. F. W. Husted, Detroit	
Central, Mich.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Central, Mich.	
Classical Missionary	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	30	13	—	—	—	Classical Missionary, Chicago Co.	
Crownwell Center.	—	32	0	—	—	—	—	32	—	107	13	173 00	—	188 00	Crownwell Center, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	27	0	—	—	—	—	18	—	20	13	173 00	—	484 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
Deer	—	30	0	—	—	—	—	33	—	240	143	187 00	12 00	980 00	Deer, Ogle Co., Ill.	
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CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Objects.		Benevolent Objects.	Congregational.
First, Poughkeepsie.	A. P. Van Gleason (S. C.)	200	8	13	13	13	13	443	4	1	1	1	1	\$3,161 00	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second "	Wm. Bancroft Hill	160	11	4	11	11	11	444	2	1	1	1	1	4,951 99	"
Highkill	A. H. Huldige	110	5	1	1	1	1	344	2	1	1	1	1	1,838 79	Highkill
Hopewell	Krest Clapp	100	1	1	1	1	1	344	2	1	1	1	1	1,000 00	Hopewell Junction, N. Y.
New Hackensack	Wm. A. Dunt	68	5	1	1	1	1	154	1	1	1	1	1	931 85	New Hackensack, "
Roseland	J. Howes Baydam	138	4	1	1	1	1	324	1	1	1	1	1	2,318 80	Roseland, "
Flakill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Frits	135	1	1	1	1	1	344	1	1	1	1	1	4,601 00	Flakill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	Joseph Ganson	51	2	1	1	1	1	344	1	1	1	1	1	1,317 00	Hyde Park-on-Hudson, "
Glenham	Wm. V. D. Strong	33	2	1	1	1	1	344	1	1	1	1	1	331 50	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Joseph McIntyre	30	4	1	1	1	1	344	1	1	1	1	1	587 99	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	J. E. Lynn	103	10	7	4	4	4	177	5	1	1	1	1	1,773 00	Millbrook, "
Total		1133	53	26	46	46	46	4034	34	12	12	12	12	\$23,933 54	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. H. N. Cobb, 22d Street, New York City; Rev. F. F. Wilson, Amory Park, N. J.; Rev. Philip W. Fitcher, Amoy, China.

* Revised List. † Two are Union Schools.

JUNE, 1899.

CLASSIS OF RAETAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	On Confession.		Rec'd.	Discontinued.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Total of Baptized		Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Benevolent Objects.	Other Objects	Congregational.		
			On Certificate.	On Confession.						Infants.	Adults.										
First, Raritan.....	Wm S Cranmer.....	305	4	17	7	7	11	495	5	5	5	300	1	300	\$ 509 07	\$ 471 19	\$ 471 19	\$ 8,066 45	Somerville, N. J.		
Readington.....	B. V. D Wyckoff.....	136	4	10	10	10	17	305	2	2	175	1	1	225	237 34	73 50	73 50	1,295 39	Readington, "		
Bedminster.....	T. Walker Jones.....	110	5	10	10	10	8	295	4	4	1	1	1	180	261 99	304 47	304 47	1,079 35	Bedminster, "		
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis, S. C.....	260	10	4	0	0	0	400	5	1	1	1	1	204	55 63	16 84	16 84	2,477 99	Lebanon, "		
Rockaway.....	H. P. Lyman-Whetson.....	113	1	9	1	1	1	173	4	4	1	1	1	173	53 13	35 32	35 32	4,154 00	White House, "		
North Branch.....	P. M. Doelittle.....	102	1	1	1	1	1	167	6	6	1	1	1	173	53 13	110 99	110 99	1,393 53	North Branch, "		
Second Raritan.....	E. G. Reed.....	244	18	23	1	1	10	638	9	5	1	1	1	710	1,243 40	58 10	58 10	11,098 99	Somerville, "		
Peapack.....	Howard C Hambron.....	98	8	8	8	8	8	189	4	4	1	1	1	180	66 80	49 41	49 41	9,148 15	Peapack, "		
South Branch.....	Isaac Spaulding.....	114	8	4	4	4	4	185	3	3	1	1	1	153	52 41	91 00	91 00	1,499 80	South Branch, "		
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. E. DeHart.....	140	6	8	8	8	8	319	14	1	1	1	1	243	52 41	345 10	345 10	1,990 80	Raritan, "		
Pottersville.....	William McNair, S. S.....	52	2	3	4	4	1	64	4	4	1	1	1	104	43 12	18 55	18 55	1,790 48	Pottersville, "		
High Bridge.....	Charles L. Lawrence.....	57	3	3	3	3	1	147	3	3	1	1	1	180	198 13	5 00	5 00	1,593 73	High Bridge, "		
Annandale.....	Henry B. Allen.....	70	7	1	1	1	1	103	1	1	1	1	1	137	353 01	10 95	10 95	1,344 74	Annandale, "		
Fourth, Raritan.....	F. Koehll.....	1768	54	86	86	86	87	3598	78	13	353	368	27	2,504	\$5,445 50	\$1,558 40	\$1,558 40	\$40,147 87	Somerville		
Total.....		1768	54	86	86	86	87	3598	78	13	353	368	27	2,504	\$5,445 50	\$1,558 40	\$1,558 40	\$40,147 87			

Other Mission.—Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Medick, D.D., 288 East Market Street, York, Pa.; Charles H. Pool, D.D., Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Misses Swick, Somerville, N. J.

† Last year's report.

• Three Unions.

CLASSIS OF RENNELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.	C. C. & E. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.							
		On Confession.		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.		Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Cases.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Beneficent.		Other Objects.	Dormitory.	Congregational.
		Rec'd.	On Confession.																				
Bath-on-Hudson.....	A. W. Hopper, P. E.....	40	1	1	1	1	1	60	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	140	\$ 118 00	.....	\$ 466 00	Bath-on-Hudson, N. Y.		
Bloomington.....	D. H. Christensen, S. S.....	186	1	1	1	1	1	499	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	78 00	.....	229 00	Deforestville, "		
Castleton, Emmanuel.....	Eugene B. Thomas.....	185	19	1	1	1	1	217	3	4	44	1	1	1	1	260	50 00	5 00	3,519 00	Castleton, "			
Chatham.....	Mark A. Denman.....	115	19	1	1	1	1	240	10	16	1	1	1	1	1	190	504 00	51 00	4,598 00	Chatham, "			
Ghent.....	Philip T. Phelps.....	75	2	1	1	1	1	114	4	14	1	1	1	1	1	144	465 00	15 00	900 00	Ghent, "			
Second, Ghent.....	Chas. V. W. Redford.....	87	2	1	1	1	1	223	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	136	165 00	35 00	873 00	Omi, "			
Greenbush.....	John Lambethelmer.....	115	4	1	1	1	1	297	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	192	105 00	46 00	1,435 00	East Greenbush, "			
Kinderhook.....	Edw. A. Collier, S. C.....	140	4	1	1	1	1	315	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	160	173 00	164 00	2,940 00	Kinderhook, "			
Nassau.....	Geo. D. Lydecker.....	180	4	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	153 00	86 00	1,640 00	Nassau, "			
New Concord.....	A. B. Woolsey, S. S.....	85	3	1	1	1	1	170	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	10 00	8 00	1,198 00	New Concord, "			
Schoodack.....	Edgar I. McCully.....	68	43	2	4	1	1	188	4	15	1	1	1	1	1	108	180 00	15 00	1,198 00	Schoodack, "			
Schoodack Landing.....	Joseph E. Crane.....	86	53	2	1	1	1	145	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	118	230 00	.....	1,087 00	Schoodack Landing, "		
Stuyvesant Falls.....	DeWitt G. Rockefeller.....	72	33	2	1	1	1	88	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	30 00	.....	664 00	Stuyvesant Falls, "		
	Vacant.....																						
Total.....		1,198	117	83	86	48	3,941	43	73	178	510	15	1,758	53,138 00	538 00	\$13,007 00							

Other Ministers.—John B. Drury, Editor *Christian Intelligence*, New Brunswick, N. J.; Isaac B. Schenck, New Brunswick, N. J.; Lester Leggett, Kingston, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Discharged.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Churches.	No. of S. Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Benevolent.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
Abbe.	M. Gossens, S. C.	103	16	1	1	1	2	231	5	4	140	46	1	1	113	\$723 45	\$ 15 57	\$ 866 56	Clymer, N. Y.
Arcadia.	Gerit Daignemond.	70	8	10	5	1	1	150	1	1	150	50	1	1	76	68 12	10 00	401 12	Newark, "
Brighton.	D. Lawrence Betten.	75	8	2	5	1	1	144	16	1	150	60	1	1	200	168 74	10 00	1,350 00	Brighton, "
Cleveland, First.	Simon M. Hogenboom.	48	2	1	1	1	1	88	2	1	100	46	1	1	90	155 30	90 00	937 63	25 Linden St., Cleveland, O.
Clymerhill.	P. G. M. Bahier.	71	4	1	1	1	1	161	7	1	110	94	1	1	108	190 92	11 00	709 43	Clymerhill, N. Y.
East Williamsport.	Geo. C. Daignemond.	129	18	1	1	1	1	303	3	1	303	77	1	1	180	175 50	800 00	700 00	East Williamsport, "
Farmer.	E. B. Van Arsdale.	145	1	1	1	1	1	287	1	1	287	77	1	1	118	218 60	148 84	21,200 00	Farmer, "
Lodi.	C. F. Porter.	100	1	1	1	1	1	192	12	1	204	77	1	1	243	208 90	39 84	1,415 86	Lodi, "
Marion.	A. H. Strabbing.	145	7	1	1	1	1	322	12	1	334	77	1	1	243	208 90	39 84	1,415 86	Lodi, "
New York Mills.	J. C. Bergmans.	20	4	3	1	1	1	44	8	1	40	30	1	1	40	7 70	10 00	386 05	New York Mills, "
Ontario.	Gerrit Flikkema.	21	8	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	40	30	1	1	40	7 70	10 00	386 05	New York Mills, "
Palmyra.	M. Van Doorn.	60	5	3	2	1	1	125	1	1	126	45	1	1	180	99 30	10 00	289 00	Palmyra, "
Polinyville.	S. A. Schlism.	150	5	1	1	1	1	303	17	1	320	77	1	1	243	208 90	39 84	1,415 86	Polinyville, "
First, Rochester.	John Lamas.	170	11	1	1	1	1	303	15	1	303	15	1	1	306	970 00	29 00	97,307 03	Hudson Ave., Rochester.
Second, Rochester.	Sipko Rederns.	30	3	1	1	1	1	54	1	1	54	1	1	1	55	108 00	23 05	2,077 46	44 Birch Crescent, Rochester.
Tyre.		1333	90	69	55	1	1	40,577	50	9	10,055	354	16	1	2,152	\$2,254 99	\$1,326 39	437 43	Malcolm, N. Y.
Total.																			\$15,936 33

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Boesher, 49 Barthell Street, Buffalo, N. Y. Student Candidate.—Abram Den Hollander, Hope College.
 * Revised List. † \$900 on church debt. ‡ \$900 on church improvements.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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Other Ministers.—Rev. A. G. Cochran, Schuyler, N. Y.; Rev. Lyman E. Davis, Sharpburg, Pa.; Rev. G. E. Macaroid, Mechanville, N. Y.; Rev. John G. Smart, Cambridge, N. Y.; Rev. George I. Taylor, 190 North Third Street, Newark, N. J.; Rev. P. A. Wemah, Glenville, N. Y.

§ 83,142.87 for New Parsonage. * Revised List. † Home Department 83. ‡ \$335 Church Debt and Building.

JUNE, 1899.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						RAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational.		
															Beneficent.		Other Objects.
Altamont.....	Orville T. Fletcher	90	1	7	1	1	1	123	1	25	40	1	176	25 00	9 15 00	\$1,045 00	Altamont, N. Y.
Amity.....	James E. Graham	54	26	26	1	1	1	145	4	11	17	1	191	40 00	9 00	1,110 00	Vinegar's Ferry, "
Bellevue.....	Robert J. Hogan	60	6	6	1	1	1	81	3	3	11	1	120	51 00	17 00	1,038 00	Schenectady, "
Glenville, First.....	Robert Rogers	90	4	4	1	1	1	99	3	3	11	1	120	58 00	24 00	1,038 00	Glenville, "
Glenville, Second.....	M. R. Gordon	70	6	6	1	1	1	86	3	3	11	1	108	128 00	24 00	1,069 00	Scott, "
Helderberg.....	George G. Selbert	70	4	4	1	1	1	79	3	3	11	1	110	128 00	21 00	1,069 00	Gutterland Centre, "
Lisbon, Kill.....	C. A. Conant	50	15	15	1	1	1	61	2	2	8	1	104	107 00	7 00	1,490 00	Lisbon's Kill, "
Mont Pleasant.....	A. B. Herman	63	7	7	1	1	1	74	4	4	14	1	102	50 00	25 00	1,875 00	Schenectady, "
Niskayuna.....	C. P. Dittman, S. C.	135	5	5	1	1	1	146	4	4	14	1	140	50 00	25 00	1,875 00	Niskayuna, "
Princeton.....	Vacant	115	10	10	1	1	1	136	4	4	14	1	140	128 00	18 00	1,843 00	Gifford, "
Rotterdam, First.....	Alexander Hill	180	2	2	1	1	1	195	5	5	18	1	180	127 00	16 00	1,160 00	Patersonville, "
Rotterdam, Second.....	John Calvin Knox	85	5	5	1	1	1	91	3	3	11	1	115	166 00	4 00	1,933 00	Schenectady, "
Schenectady, First.....	A. C. Sewall	313	10	10	1	1	1	334	8	8	30	1	342	1,103 00	168 00	7,333 00	Schenectady, "
Schenectady, Second.....	George Edwin Talmage	308	47	47	12	12	12	403	13	30	33	1	421	260 00	145 00	4,619 00	Schenectady, "
Total.....	Total.....	1561	136	100	37	37	37	2010	55	50	363	672	90	\$3,773 00	\$487 00	\$38,598 00	

Over Ministers.—Rev. Thos. C. Johnston, suspended; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Saratoga, N. Y. Candidate.—Paul. J. Strobaner.
 + \$205.50 on new percentage. \$203.10 on old debt. \$20.75 on internal improvements. + \$20 on Church debt. 1.00 on repaving and carpeting church.
 - 1.00

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benefactor.		
															Other Objects.		Denominational.
Beaverdam	Herbert B. Roberts	60	1	1	1	1	1	104	4	100	50	1	60	\$ 21 85	.....	N. Y.
Berne	Herbert B. Roberts	61	2	2	1	1	2	115	8	107	70	1	70	218 00	.....	Berne
Breakabeen	Vacant	48	2	2	1	1	1	56	1	55	15	1	15	18 85	.....	North Blenheim
Central Bridge	James Jongeneel	38	3	3	2	1	4	48	1	47	12	1	1	33 45	\$3 50	Central Bridge	
Cobblekill	Henry Smith	48	2	1	1	1	1	56	1	55	20	1	20	33 45	5 00	Central Bridge	
Emhence	Supplied	510	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	8	23	1	23	15 00	.....	Cobblekill
Gallupville	Vacant	65	4	4	1	1	1	35	4	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Emhence
Gilboa	John H. Scarlet	68	4	4	1	1	2	120	4	116	74	1	74	10 00	.....	Gallupville
Grand Gorge	Charles M. Dixon	32	1	1	1	1	1	40	40	36	.....	.....	.....	45 85	.....	Gilboa
Howe's Cove	James Jongeneel	42	1	1	1	1	1	65	1	64	50	1	50	18 31	10 85	Central Bridge	
Lawersville	J. Collings Oston	50	6	4	1	1	6	91	1	90	.....	.....	.....	47 25	.....	Lawersville
Middleburgh	Charles W. Pitcher	112	25	4	1	1	6	177	14	163	136	1	136	143 75	5 00	North Blenheim	
North Blenheim	Vacant	46	1	1	1	1	1	47	2	45	12	1	12	21 07	1 83	Middleburgh	
Prattsville	Charles M. Dixon	70	24	1	1	1	1	65	1	64	45	1	45	25 00	.....	Prattsville
Schoharie	William C. Handy	60	3	1	1	1	1	77	2	75	96	1	96	45 50	43 50	Schoharie	
Sharon	Isaac Messier	50	3	1	1	1	1	77	2	75	42	1	42	15 00	.....	Schoharie
South Gilboa	John H. Scarlet, S. S.	22	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	39	40	1	40	9 00	.....	Sharon
Total	987	75	18	11	1	19	1933	10	1923	87	170	18	880	\$764 33	\$77 50	\$10,305 91

Other Ministers.—Edward Miller, Cobleskill, N. Y.; Edwin Vedder, Schoharie, N. Y.; John S. Lot, 54 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; D. E. Van Doren, S. C., Mechanicville, N. Y.; Wm. W. Whitney, North Blenheim, N. Y.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Denomina- tional Objects.	Benevolent.	Other Objects.	Constitutional.
Blue Mountain	J. Van der Meulen.	110	10	6	4	4	2	217	7	2	180	68	90	2	180	\$ 43 04	\$ 2 09	\$885 66	Pawna,	N. Y.
Church of Comfort.	J. Edgar Winne.	90	3	19	1	1	1	173	7	7	273	68	90	1	273	104 60	85 33	664 44	Kingston,	"
Church of the Faithful.	Geo. Neimayer, S. S.	81	4	1	1	1	1	92	4	1	90	106	106	1	90	194 60	85 33	664 44	Brown's Station,	"
Esopus.	S. T. Cole	60	4	1	4	4	1	109	2	3	109	106	106	1	109	187 92	85 33	998 03	Ulster Park,	"
Flatbush	Richard DeWitt, S. C.	90	2	6	4	4	3	116	2	3	116	106	106	1	116	44 60	85 33	470 00	Ulster Park,	"
Jay Gould Memorial.	N. H. Demarest.	178	5	2	2	2	2	116	2	3	116	106	106	1	116	187 92	85 33	998 03	Ulster Park,	"
Katebaan	A. J. Sebring	160	5	34	2	2	12	653	10	3	663	106	106	3	663	187 92	85 33	998 03	Ulster Park,	"
Kingston	John G. Van Slyke	275	15	9	2	2	7	326	5	1	330	106	106	3	330	248 00	97 04	1,000 00	Rosbury,	"
Platteville	8 W. Rowe	168	6	5	5	5	3	311	1	1	312	106	106	1	312	187 92	85 33	998 03	Katebaan,	"
Port Ewen	William Burton	190	6	5	5	5	3	310	6	6	316	106	106	1	316	270 00	115 32	1,400 00	Ulster Park,	"
Saugerties	Dennis Wortman	200	13	5	5	5	3	310	6	6	316	106	106	1	316	270 00	75 00	8,500 00	Port Ewen,	"
Shandakan	.....	84	7	1	1	1	1	54	1	1	55	106	106	1	55	18 00	75 00	3,500 00	Saugerties,	"
Shokan	.....	70	9	1	1	1	1	180	1	6	186	106	106	1	186	18 00	75 00	350 00	Shokan,	"
Stewartville	.....	34	9	1	1	1	1	74	2	4	80	106	106	1	80	55 75	13 90	470 01	West Hurley,	"
West Hurley	.....	70	4	2	1	1	1	118	2	4	124	106	106	1	124	55 75	13 90	1,044 05	West Hurley,	"
Woodstock	Clearfield Park.	70	4	2	1	1	1	118	2	4	124	106	106	1	124	55 75	13 90	1,044 05	Woodstock,	"
Total.	.....	1510	86	73	46	1	47	2711	48	36	174	30	30	23	2,358	\$2,171 07	\$200 37	\$20,013 35	.....	.....

Other Ministers.—Corneilus Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Wm. A. Shaw, Kingston, N. Y.; Calvin Case, Brodhead, N. Y.; Rufus M. Stanbrough, Kingston, N. Y.

Organized Nov. 30, 1898.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C.C.&S.S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Number of Families.	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Number of Cases.	Chubmen.		No. of S. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional.	Other Objects.	Reservant.
Bronxville.....	Wm. S. C. Webster.	62	2	2	3	3	3	70	10	10	20	30	30	1	122	\$205 00	\$ 38 00	\$1,824 00	Bronxville, New York City.
Cortlandtown ..	F. A. Force, P. E.	90	1	1	1	1	1	130	5	5	1	1	1	1	150	2 00	5 00	927 57	Montrose, N. Y.
Greenburgh ..	G. A. T. Goebel.	40	1	1	1	1	1	40	5	5	1	1	1	1	85	56 40	10 00	611 50	Elmsford, "
Greenville ..	J. A. Harper.	43	1	1	1	1	1	73	2	2	1	1	1	1	60	13 00	140 64	823 90	Scarsdale, "
Hastings ..	O. L. Signatos.	70	5	5	4	4	4	89	2	2	1	1	1	1	122	48 00	70 00	1,454 41	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Mount Vernon ..	C. H. Tyndal.	22	84	84	6	6	4	306	46	46	34	14	14	1	300	648 13	98 68	2,023 00	746 Elton Av., New York City
Park Hill ..	Wm. P. Bruce.	131	24	14	11	11	1	273	3	3	3	100	100	1	105	267 59	68 00	3,740 13	Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Peeckskill ..	Henry De Vries.	100	6	17	11	11	3	144	4	4	50	100	100	1	75	56 70	30 35	3,413 37	B'way Av., Yonkers, N. Y.
Tarrytown, First ..	John K. Allen.	180	4	2	5	5	3	174	6	6	67	25	25	1	203	878 00	325 00	1,100 00	Peeckskill, "
Tarrytown, Second ..	Arthur F. Mabon.	80	9	5	3	3	4	153	3	3	37	16	16	1	139	337 53	58 43	5,205 00	Tarrytown, "
Unionville ..	Albert Kuiper.	60	1	1	1	1	3	83	2	2	68	35	35	1	68	33 61	58 56	2,145 80	"
Yonkers ..	T. E. Ingila.	150	1	7	3	3	5	419	6	6	130	25	25	1	205	297 00	33 00	554 77	Neperan, "
	Total.....	1178	85	64	33	1	37	2226	94	11	343	391	15	2043	\$2,577 33	\$339 57	\$24,798 75	30,593 00	Yonkers, "

Other Ministers.—John A. Todd, Tarrytown, N. Y.; W. W. Reed, Am. Tract Society; Howard Harris, Japan; J. Henry Bartholf, Yonkers, N. Y.; James Bolton, Hoptonfield, N. Y.; Henry J. Bogardus, Jersey City, N. J.; L. C. Andrews, White Plains, N. Y.; F. M. Bogardus, Asbury Park, N. J.; David Cook, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. Frank S. Scudder, Japan.

Candidates.—John P. Faber.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					B. A. P.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Number of Cate- chumens.	No. of B. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional.				
														Other Objects.		Beneficent.		
Alto	Henry Hermeling	159	11	1	1	1	299	35	410	266	1	266	1	410	\$ 645 00	\$ 497 00		
Bethany ..	Gerrit J. Hekhuis	189	24	14	10	4	218	21	4	199	165	4	199	165	575	155 00		
Cedar Grove ..	Vacant	186	4	13	10	5	214	16	1	270	200	1	270	200	408 00	408 00		
First, Chicago ..	Rens H. Jolderema	270	43	12	16	1	405	45	1	750	300	1	750	300	415	13 00		
Danforth ..	C. Helms	46	2	2	8	1	78	4	1	180	70	1	180	70	91	8 00		
De Motte ..	J. Van den Bosch, P. E.	35	2	1	4	1	43	7	1	140	40	1	140	40	70	15 00		
Edgewood ..	Jobo Te Grotenhuis	230	10	17	9	5	296	26	1	648	65	1	648	65	200	86 00		
Franklin ..	Vacant	14	3	5	9	1	31	4	1	94	16	1	94	16	30	35 00		
Fulton ..	William J. Duiker	243	7	5	10	5	330	47	1	750	200	1	750	200	300	109 00		
Gauo ..	Peter G. A. Bouma	199	13	10	10	2	244	19	5	870	184	3	870	184	350	96 00		
Gibbsville ..	Henry Hoepers	145	17	3	6	8	207	27	1	300	150	1	300	150	295	7 00		
Greenleaf ..	Vacant	11	3	4	7	1	24	3	1	60	37	1	60	37	40	35 00		
Greenleaf ..	Albert Oosterhof	68	3	4	7	1	131	2	1	140	71	1	140	71	808	10 00		
Greenleaf ..	Greenleaf	11	3	4	7	1	24	3	1	60	37	1	60	37	38	13 00		
Highland ..	Fred'k J. Zwemer	37	1	9	3	6	70	3	1	186	50	1	186	50	70	30 00		
Hope ..	John Steema	87	1	7	1	9	115	15	1	100	70	1	100	70	187	2 00		
Kenosha ..	Vacant	113	1	7	1	9	131	2	1	140	71	1	140	71	61	3 00		
Kenosha ..	T. Van den Bosch, P. E.	416	1	7	1	9	435	15	1	535	25	1	535	25	35	35 00		
Lafayette ..	F. Lubbers	45	6	1	1	1	70	3	1	141	30	1	141	30	50	21 00		
Laurel ..	Peter Swart	61	5	9	2	4	89	10	1	948	155	1	948	155	90	90 00		
Milwaukee ..	William Moerdijk	119	9	6	5	6	145	10	1	181	80	1	181	80	90	105 00		
Oostburg ..	John B. Karsten	44	3	5	8	1	61	3	1	141	30	1	141	30	90	19 00		
Roseland, First ..	Salter Van Es	260	17	15	37	2	331	64	1	750	500	1	750	500	400	400 00		
Roseland, Center ..	John Engelman	30	4	1	3	1	45	13	1	128	57	1	128	57	100	15 00		
Sheboygan Falls ..	Fred'k J. Zwemer	34	6	2	3	1	46	13	1	128	57	1	128	57	45	5 00		
Sheboygan Falls ..	John Brook	100	5	7	6	1	129	21	1	240	154	2	240	154	201	500 00		
South Holland ..	Joel Meulendyke	46	1	1	1	1	49	5	1	101	25	1	101	25	90	31 00		
Waupun ..	Joel Meulendyke	46	1	1	1	1	49	5	1	101	25	1	101	25	90	31 00		
Total		2838	185	125	248	37	4096	401	11	8070	3054	25	8070	3054	5,017	\$5,575 00	\$1,457 00	\$45,764 00

Other Ministers.—Rev. Harm Borgers, Hamilton, Minn. Candidate.—Henry Martin Bruins, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. •Revised List.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

CLERGY.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.										
	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total In Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Total Baptized	Non-Communion.	Number of Communicants.	Number of B. S.	Total Roll-Work.	Deconational.	Other Objects.	Congressional.
Albany	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Amherst, N. Y.	38	1	1	1	1																		

JUNE, 1899.

ARTICLE XXIII.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Committee on Necrology reported as follows :
To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Report of the Committee on Necrology is herewith submitted. As Chairman of the Committee, I came to Synod to present and read the report in person, but am debarred by indisposition. Since my appointment to the chairmanship of the Committee, all previous reports have been prepared by myself. It is right to say that the report for this year has been prepared almost entirely by the other members of the Committee, each acting for the Particular Synod represented by him. The Rev. Dr. David Cole very kindly prepared the report on David D. Demarest.

Permit me again to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee. After several years' service, which I have endeavored to perform to the best of my ability, I must request you to release me at this time.

Very respectfully,

J. S. N. DEMAREST.

Catskill, N. Y., June 10, 1899.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

Your Committee on Necrology would respectfully report as follows :

J. HOWARD VAN DOREN died at Bath-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., June 6th, 1898. He was born at Princeton, N. J., August 20th, 1837. In 1859 he graduated from Rutgers' College, and in 1864 from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. On September 28th, 1864, in the church at Griggstown, N. J., whither his parents had moved, he was licensed as a minister of the Gospel. During his Seminary course, "love of country" became so strong in him, that on September 3d, 1862, he enlisted in Co. K, Thirtieth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and received his discharge in June, 1863. Three years later, the Hon. Marcus L. Ward, then governor of New Jersey,

granted him an honorable testimonial for service rendered his state and country.

In January, 1865, having been accepted as a missionary by the Board of Foreign Missions, he sailed for Amoy, China, arriving there in June of the same year, and remaining until May, 1868, in which month he started back for the home-land, arriving in October, 1868. Two years were spent, not in resting, but in going about interesting the churches in the work at Amoy. In October, 1870, he again went to his chosen field, arriving the latter part of December, and remaining until February, 1873, when, broken in health, he was compelled to set his face homeward. While in China Mr. Van Doren was the author of a mental arithmetic in the Amoy colloquial, which book is now used in all the schools and colleges of the Amoy district. In April, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary M. Boucher, of Castleton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. His first pastoral charge in this country was at Cato, N. Y., where he labored from 1874 to 1876. In 1876 he accepted a call to the Reformed Church at Tyre, N. Y., where he remained until 1882, when he removed to the Reformed Church at Gallupville, N. Y. In 1886 he received a call to the Church at Ulster Park, which church he served until he became pastor of the Reformed Church at Bath-on-the-Hudson in 1892. His advent at this place was under very discouraging circumstances. There was only a very small nucleus for the organization of a church, but by the most persevering effort Mr. Van Doren organized a church and succeeded in the erection of a fine edifice, in the building of which not a dollar's worth of work was ever contracted for until the money was in hand to pay for it, or was pledged by reliable parties. He also refused to raise a dollar for the purpose by socials, fairs, excursions, or any such methods as are often pursued for such building and furnishing.

Mr. Van Doren's efforts in spiritual things have been as successful as his business capacities. He preached the Gospel of Christ from the heart, with great acceptance, and the word preached did not return without its fruit. He was a man of mild and pleasing demeanor, a

good neighbor and citizen, and probably never had a personal enemy in his life. His good work in Bath will be an enduring monument to his memory for all time to come. His funeral was held from the Reformed Church at Bath on Tuesday afternoon, June 9th, 1898, the interment being at Castleton, N. Y.

DAVID D. DEMAREST died at his residence in Seminary Place, New Brunswick, June 21, 1898. He was born in Harrington township, Bergen County, N. J., June 30th, 1819. On his father's side he was of Huguenot descent, in the seventh generation from David des Marest of Picardy and Marie Sohier of Nieppe, who arrived in New Amsterdam in April, 1663, founded a French colony on the Hackensack River in 1677, and became prominently identified with the Hackensack Reformed Church, organized in 1686. The history of the original family in Europe, and of the des Marest colony in New Jersey, is given in a pamphlet entitled "The Huguenots on the Hackensack," published by Dr. Demarest himself in 1886, and its line is brought down to the Doctor and his children in an article published in the *Christian Intelligencer* of September 21, 1898.

Dr. Demarest was the fourth of five children of Daniel Demarest and Leah Bogert. He became a Sophomore at Rutgers in 1834. During his college course, a powerful revival of religion visited New Brunswick, and he, and all his classmates not previously converted, became subjects of renewing grace. Graduating in 1837 at eighteen years of age, he went forward at once into the Seminary, and three years later, in 1840, at twenty-one, he completed his special studies for the ministry, and was licensed by the Classis of New Brunswick to preach the Gospel. Several calls to pastorates were at once extended to him, but he declined them all, determining to postpone settlement for at least a year. During the interim, however, he served the Church of Catskill as an assistant to the Rev. James Romeyn. In 1841 he became pastor of the Church of Flatbush, Ulster County, N. Y. (also his eldest son's first pastorate in 1876), with

which he remained till 1843, when he received and accepted a call to the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick. With this church he continued till 1852, when failure of health led him to resign and devote some weeks to foreign travel. Returning in the autumn, he received several calls, but from health considerations declined them all. At last one was sent him from the Church of Hudson. His friends, who all believed that his career would be but short in any event, strongly urged upon him acceptance of this call, in hope that the up-river climate might be the means of prolonging his period for work. He yielded to their persuasion, and continued in this charge till 1865, thirteen years, during which he accomplished a most useful ministerial work, and gained for himself an established physical constitution. He had now been twenty-five years in the ministry, was forty-six years of age, and had taken a stand as one of the foremost ministers in the denomination. In 1856, he had published his first edition of his "History and Characteristics of the Reformed Church in America." In 1857 he had been elected a Trustee of Rutgers' College, and in the same year had been honored by the College of New Jersey with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1858 he had been President of General Synod, and in 1862 he had been elected to the Stated Clerkship of that body, which he held till he resigned it in 1871. By 1865 he had become known and was held in highest regard by the whole church. In that year, the way having become clear for the step, the Synod established a separate Professorship of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in our New Brunswick Seminary, and Dr. Demarest was unanimously chosen to occupy the newly created chair. In this position he remained for the next thirty-three years, when, at the end of a Seminary year, having completed his year's work, even to the examination of his students before the Board of Superintendents, he passed away after a brief illness, to his rest and reward, leaving behind him a remarkably full and well rounded life. Every thing, even to the last writing up and the indexing of the books of his various Secretaryships, was

finished. He had neglected nothing, but had left every thing in order for those who might follow him in his many lines of work.

Dr. Demarest was from his earliest school years a student from love of study. With a mind clear and quick, he absorbed knowledge rapidly. His preparation for college had been adequate, and he conscientiously improved his undergraduate years. It was his young life's ambition to become a scholar. Both in the college and seminary he was industrious and painstaking. And the result was, that from the beginning of his ministry, he was recognized by our Church as one of its most solidly grounded men. As a lover of language and literature, a student of secular and sacred history, a theologian and writer, his conversation, addresses and writings gave evidence of accurate habits of thought. As a natural outcome of his persistent industry in study, he became more and more, as his years ran on, a marked man in the church and its councils. Boyhood growth under very special conditions had made him an intense lover of our Reformed Church, and from his entrance upon its ministry, he gave himself without reserve, with the whole strength of his acquired and growing culture, to the support of its polity and its institutions. The Synod which in 1865 placed him in his Seminary professorship, looked upon him as a living ideal of the personality, the manners, pulpit gifts, pastoral devotion and ruling tact it desired to have cultivated and developed in its Seminary students. Nor was it disappointed. While his third of a century in the institution reflected honor upon it through his carefully prepared lectures, it taught even more powerfully through his personal character and spirit. He was so conspicuously an ideal of the man, the Christian, the preacher and the pastor it was the special office of his chair to develop, that his students learned even more from his personal life than from his formulated teaching. His nature was pure, his thought was clear, his temper was even, his tact was unfailing, his prayers and sermons were models as to method, neat in expression and spiritually uplifting, and his pastoral manner was cordial, winning and com-

forting. From faithful study, he had grown into mastery of the truths of divine revelation systematized in our standards. Our church owes much to him for the fidelity with which he guarded its sacred trust for so long a period, and with which he impressed our historic genius at every point through the students who from year to year went out from our Seminary teaching into their various fields of ministerial work.

Dr. Demarest married May 19, 1846, Catherine Louisa, daughter of Judge James Schureman Nevius, of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The years of these parents, spent at their residence in Seminary Place, covered the most important part of their family life. They taught a supremely vital lesson to the students of the time through the living picture of their home. They were firm believers in the parent and child covenant. And their Covenant God gave them the privilege of living out their faith in it and bringing forth its results before class after class of young men preparing for the ministry. They had given to them four sons and three daughters. The sons all completed study for the ministry, and all but one are living, and are pastors in our Reformed Church.

HERMAN FREDERICK FRANCIS SCHNELLENDRUESSLER died at Plainfield, N. J., September 20th, 1898. He was born in Brandenburg, Prussia, October 4th, 1819. He received his academic training in the Gymnasium of Gumbinnen, East Prussia. Afterwards he was for several years in government employ, as night clerk in the general post-office. He came to America in 1852, and entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick the same year—graduating in the class of 1855. He was licensed by the Classis of New York. His first settlement was over the Fourth Reformed Church of Albany, where he labored faithfully and successfully from 1855 to 1864. He heard the call of his adopted country, and with a loyalty equal to that of those who were native born, he gave himself to the work—receiving appointment as Chaplain of the Sixteenth Regiment, Heavy Artillery, U. S. Volun-

teers. With them he followed their fortunes until the national integrity was vindicated in final victory. After returning from the war, he assumed the pastorate over the Church at Calicoon (Thumansville), where he labored from 1866 to 1869—during the latter year including in his labors the care of the little church of Milesville. In 1869 he was received into the Classis of Raritan (with which Classis he retained connection until his death) and became pastor of the Church at Warren—adjacent to Plainfield, N. J. Here he labored for a few months, but failing health induced him to give up the active pastorate in 1870. He made Plainfield his home, and continued to reside there until the day of his death. During the years of his waiting, he was not idle. For a season he supplied the Fourth Reformed Church of Raritan. Afterwards he was appointed instructor in German in the Plainfield High School, which position he filled with distinction for about eight years. But, worn out with labor and with years, he was obliged to withdraw from active life, and for the past fifteen years lived in strict retirement, awaiting the call of the Master. The testimony of his Seminary classmates is that Mr. Schnellendruessler was always present in the classroom and intently attentive; and in his own room was a hard, close student. He was fond of discussing with his fellows the current topics of the Seminary. Throughout his active ministerial life he was a plodding student, with peculiar habits. The employment of his early manhood had taught him to turn night into day; and not the ways of the community about him nor his own family life could reform him. When alone, he wrote or read all night. With a visitor he would chat until the small hours of the morning. He was blessed with the spirit of liberality that was both systematic and generous. His daughter writes concerning this trait: "He always wanted to give and did give to all Missions, and *laid away the tenth of every dollar for the Lord.*" The Lord whom he loved fervently, and to whom he gave his life, and for whom he did what he could, was with him unto the end. He leaves a son and a daughter—the fruits of his marriage with Miss Mueller, the sister of the Rev. John Mueller of our Reformed Church.

PETER JOHN ZWEMER died at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, October 18, 1898. He was born at South Holland, Illinois, on Sept. 2, 1868.

His father is the honored and reverend A. Zwemer, and three brothers are ministers, one, Samuel, our missionary in Arabia. One sister is our missionary at Amoy.

Born into such a family, and surrounded by gracious influences, he was not able to state the particular time when he was converted. But, as he said, he experienced a "gradual awakening to the duties and privileges of the Christian life." When a child two years old he was sick nigh unto death. In 1875 his education began in the public school in the City of Albany, N. Y., where his father was at that time pastor of the Holland Church. In 1880 he commenced his studies in the Preparatory Department of Hope College from which institution he graduated in 1888. For one year after his graduation he taught school in Middleburg, Iowa, where his father was then pastor of the Reformed Church. During his vacation, while a student in college, he was employed by the American Bible Society. His field extended from Michigan, throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. He was frequently called upon to make addresses in schoolhouses and country churches. In this way God was training his servant for pioneer missionary work. In the destitute oil regions of S. W. New York he received the first impulse to missionary work among the poor and ignorant.

In the fall of 1889 he entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick from which he graduated in 1892. Upon graduation he returned to his father's home in Michigan and expressed the desire to become a missionary. His brother Samuel was already at work in Arabia and consequently this became the field of his choice.

Being a member of Hope Church, with which he had united on confession under the pastorate of Rev. T. Walkēr Jones, he was licensed by the Classis of Michigan. He transferred his relation to the Classis of Grand River and was ordained by this Classis September 14, 1892. The following month he sailed from New York, October 19, for Busrah, Arabia, the headquarters of the Arabian Missions.

When the station at Muscat was opened in 1893 it was assigned to him. From that time until May of last year, Muscat was his home. There he remained alone most of the time. Often his life was in danger. Frequent attacks of fever prostrated him, unpleasant conditions surrounded him, the heat often overwhelmed him; still he clung heroically to his post, uttering no word of complaint. Considering all he endured, the wonder is not that he died, but that he lived so long as he did. No higher heroism fought, suffered, and at last succumbed in any battle.

His sympathies were early drawn out for the African slaves. At his earnest solicitations the school for rescued slave-boys at Muscat was opened, with eighteen boys rescued from slavery. He would have had a much larger number had the Trustees thought such increase to be wise. To these boys his heart went out, and when he was obliged at last to admit the fact that he might not return to them he said, "If I do not, and I am to die, I shall tell Jesus of my boys."

He had become so much reduced by repeated attacks of fever and rheumatism that it was thought wise that he should come home. His desire was to remain until this year, but in the early part of last year it became evident that he must not remain. When in the latter part of May he left Arabia, his weakness was so great that he was carried on board of the steamer. On the homeward way he hoped to be able to go through Europe and visit the Netherlands. In Italy, at Milan, he had to remain for a few days in a hospital. From there he went to Antwerp and thence to New York, where he arrived July 12th, and was immediately taken to the Presbyterian Hospital. Those who visited him there were impressed by his cheerfulness, his hopeful courage, his anxious desire to recover, that he might return to his work, and yet his willing submission to his Father's will. Not till the last did he relinquish the hope of recovery.

Tidings of his departure brought great sorrow to his associates in the field, to the boys for whom he had cared so much and done so much, as well as to his many friends at home. Shall not his death give the Mission and the

people for whom he literally laid down his life, a new claim and a new hold upon the sympathy and prayers, and on the benevolence of the Church of which he was a son and minister? Shall not his mantle of heroic self-forgetfulness and devotion, his endurance and hopeful courage, fall upon some one fitted to take his place?

So having glorified the Lord in his life, his death will also tend to his Saviour's greater glory.

In the hospital where he died a brief service was held on Wednesday morning, at which a few friends assembled. The Rev. J. G. Fagg read the Scripture and spoke in appreciation of his character, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board offered prayer. His body was taken for burial to Holland, Mich., the home he had longed and hoped to reach.

His funeral took place at Holland on Friday afternoon at the house of his father. Rev. J. Van Houte read the Scripture, and Rev. P. De Pree, D.D., offered prayer. At the First Church the pastor, Rev. J. Van Houte preached the sermon from the text Acts vii : 60, "And when he had said this, he fell asleep." Many ministerial brethren took part in the services. He was buried in the Pilgrim Cemetery at Holland.

JACOB LANSING PEARSE died Nov. 6th, 1898, at Delmar, N. Y. He was born in Niskayuna, N. Y., Oct. 5th, 1829, and prepared for Union College at the Albany Academy, entering Union with the class of 1847, but graduating in the class of 1849. Entering Princeton Seminary in 1853, he graduated in 1856, and was immediately licensed by the Classis of Schenectady. In June of the same year, he received a call to the Reformed Church at Hagsman's Mills, N. Y. Here he was ordained and installed by the Classis of Montgomery, and remained until Oct. 1860, when he accepted a call to the Second Reformed Church of Bethlehem, at Delmar. This Church he served, until the day of his death, a period of thirty-eight years. In April, 1871, Mr. Pearse was elected stated clerk of the Classis of Albany, and he held the position until his death, discharging the duties in a way that won the confi-

dence and love of all the brethren associated with him in the work. He had more than once expressed the desire to pass away in the full tide of his work, before the days of weakness and seeming uselessness came, and the Lord granted him his desire. Sunday, Nov. 8th, he performed all the usual duties of the day, preaching both morning and evening with all his accustomed vigor and earnestness. During the night the call came, and he who never wearied, but was ever glad to work, entered into rest. He was a good preacher. Faithful to warn, reprove, exhort and plead with men, he yet won them by the fullness of Christian love that was in his heart. He was an admirable pastor comforting, cheering, strengthening the lives of his people, as he went about in their homes. More than one generation at Delmar will feel the impress of his teaching, example, and prayers. He is survived by two daughters, his wife having passed away several years ago. The funeral services were held in the Church in which he so long had preached, many brethren with whom he had been associated being present, and testifying to his long and faithful service, and to his upright, loving, Christian character.

URIAH MARVIN died in Troy, N.Y., November 18, 1898. He was born in Albany, N. Y., January 9, 1816. He prepared himself in local schools and studied three years in Williams College, which institution he left in his senior year, because of an epidemic which raged at the time, and rendered residence in the town dangerous. He entered Union College at Schenectady, and graduated in 1835. He studied law and was admitted as an attorney in the Superior Court of the City of New York in 1838. In 1839 he was admitted to the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Albany. He married Margaret Jane Stevens, daughter of Dr. Samuel Stevens, of Troy, N. Y., October 31, 1844. About this time he decided to study for the ministry, and entered the Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, N. J., from which institution he graduated. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Troy, March 10, 1846. He was ordained

and installed pastor of the Reformed (Dutch) Church of Greenwich, N. Y., April 18, 1848. After a seven years pastorate he resigned this charge in 1855. His next field of labor was the Reformed (Dutch) Church, corner of Bleecker and Amos Streets, in New York City, where he remained from 1855 to 1858. His last charge was the Reformed (Dutch) Church in Nyack, N. Y., where he was pastor from 1860 to 1870. The remainder of his years were spent in retirement from active service in the ministry, except that he occasionally supplied pulpits near his home. He died of apoplexy, in the eighty-third year of his age. He is survived by his widow, his sons, Rev. Dr. Frederic R. Marvin, of Albany, N. Y., and Rev. Dwight E. Marvin, pastor of the Congregational Church, of Germantown, Philadelphia; and also a daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Ingalls, of Troy, N. Y. During the later years of his life he was in ill health, and not able to attend the ecclesiastical gatherings of his denomination, yet he always took great interest in the Church, and the kingdom of God throughout the world. He was an annual and a generous contributor to the Troy Fresh Air Fund, and to similar works of charity. He was unostentatious in manner, widely respected as an upright Christian citizen, and leaves behind him many pleasant remembrances of Christian service.

HARM T. KRUEGER, pastor of the Church at Washington, near Ackley, Iowa, died on December 25, 1898, after having been ill but a short time. He was born April 16th, 1867, at Shannon, Carroll County, Illinois. He spent the years of his youth with his parents on the farm in Grundy County, Iowa, whither they had moved in 1871.

At the age of eighteen years he felt that he was called to the ministry, to which call he gave heed, and sought the necessary preparation. His preparatory and theological studies were pursued at the German Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest at Dubuque, Iowa. In the summer of 1892, as a student, he supplied the pulpit of the Reformed Church at Washington, Iowa. After he graduated from the Seminary at

Dubuque and was licensed by the Presbytery of Dubuque, he accepted a call to that church, a German-speaking people, and was ordained and installed by the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, May 2, 1893. Including the last year of his studies at the Séminary, when he supplied this church, he served this congregation six years and a half. He was a faithful and earnest minister of the Gospel, much loved by his people, and especially by the young people, many of whom he was the means of bringing to Christ. A brother minister and member of Classis writes of him: "As a preacher he was simple, earnest, evangelical, and scriptural. As a Christian, modest and sincere. His faith and hope in Christ were firm unto the end. His sun has gone down at high noon, too soon we say, but it was God's set time to give his beloved sleep after a comparatively short but weary day." As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held his Consistory assumed all the charges of his burial, and continued his salary to his family for three months.

His funeral was held from his church on December 28, 1898. A very large concourse of people had gathered to pay their last respects to a man greatly beloved and a pastor who had endeared himself to his people. Neighboring ministers were present to help in the services. Rev. F. Schaefer, of Aplington, Iowa, preached the sermon from the text Heb. 13:7.

Mr. Krueger was married to Annie Kramer, of Ackley, Iowa. Three children were born to them, two of whom survive, with their mother.

JOHN N. JANSEN died in Newark, N. J., Jan. 13th, 1899. He was born at Marbletown, Ulster Co., N. Y., March 1st, 1827, of pious parents, who were faithful in the religious training of their children. His early education was pursued at New Paltz and Kingston Academies. He entered the sophomore class of Rutgers College in Oct. 1845, and graduated in 1848—completing his theological course at the New Brunswick Seminary in 1851. He was dedicated to the gospel ministry in infancy, and the constant prayer of his father was, that his mind.

should be turned to that calling. But of this he was unaware until after Divine Providence had led him to the choice which so fully answered his father's prayers. Although possessed of deep religious impressions from early childhood, he did not publicly profess Christ until near the close of his senior year in college. During the first year after graduation from the Theological Seminary no opening to the pastorate afforded; but in the spring of 1852 the Reformed Church of Guilford, N. Y., extended to him a unanimous call. He accepted, was ordained, and installed pastor over that charge. On June 9th, 1852, he was married to Christiana Vail, of New Brunswick, N. J., who proved in every way a helpful companion until God called her home in 1880. His pastorate over the Church of Guilford continued until Nov. 1863, a period of eleven and one-half years. It was marked by faithful, painstaking work, and a fair degree of success. There three children were born, and there two of them were early called away by death. But his testimony concerning these years is that "the sad and the shade faded out of sight in the sunlight of our Heavenly Father's mercies and the kindness and confidence of a people thoroughly loyal to their pastor." In Nov., 1863, a unanimous call came to him, from the Reformed Church of Pompton, N. J., which was accepted. His work there began in January, 1864. There his pastorate, harmonious and happy, lengthened out to nineteen and one-half years. These years were attended with gratifying success, especially in the privilege of welcoming many young people to Church membership. Twice during these years he was called to other Churches, but in each case the urgent pleas of his people induced him to remain. During this pastorate came the great sorrows of his life—the death of his daughter in 1876, and of his wife in 1880. These severe ordeals wrought to the producing of nervous prostration, which necessitated the yielding up of the pastorate in April, 1883. By advice of his physician he sought restoration in foreign travel. After an absence abroad of nearly five months he returned; but recovery was slow and partial. Reluctantly he was obliged to yield hopes and plans for

further active work in the pastorate. In June, 1884, he married Elizabeth H. Tucker, of Newark, N. J., who survives him. From this time until his death he resided in Newark. His time, as strength and opportunity afforded, was spent in supply work; and in teaching and superintending the Sunday-school connected with the "Foster Home"—an asylum for half-orphans, in Newark. The motive which actuated him in this work may be gleaned from his own words concerning it, "I have earnestly prayed that I might be honored in doing something towards the religious instruction of children who will be obliged to fight the battle of life without the helpful influence of parents or family ties." He was a rigidly methodical man, doing everything systematically and according to careful forethought. His method of soul-seeking was to supplement the preached Word with personal contact and cultivation; and thus the fruits which he was privileged to garner were "hand-picked." He was a man of faith, of prayer, of studious habits, of rare conscientiousness, a liberal giver, a genuine friend, a sympathetic pastor, an instructive preacher, a faithful steward of the mysteries of God. For thirty-one years he served in the active pastorate of our Church, and for nearly forty-eight years he was a minister in her communion, loving the Church and ever seeking to advance her interests. For this long period he served his own generation by the counsel of God and fell asleep. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, at which Rev. Dr. G. H. Mandeville, one of three surviving classmates, and Rev. Dr. G. S. Bishop, made addresses, other ministerial brethren participating.

HENRY MILLER died in Albany, N. Y., June 27th, 1899. He was born March 16th, 1832, in Saxony, Germany. He received his preliminary education in the Gymnasium at Frankenberg, and his collegiate and theological education at the University of Leipzig.

He graduated in 1855, and was engaged as a tutor from 1855 to 1860. His first pastorate was at Dresden, where he began his work in 1860. Here he remained

nineteen years. He came to America in 1880. His first pastorate in this country was in the Reformed Church at Calicoon, N. Y., where he remained until 1888. He was greatly beloved by this people, and the church prospered under his care both temporally and spiritually. In June, 1888, he accepted a unanimous call to the Fourth Reformed Church of Albany, N. Y., and in this church he remained to the time of his death, nearly eleven years. Finding the need of a new edifice, he gave himself with zeal and diligence to the project, and in 1892 laid the corner stone, and in 1893 dedicated a commodious and beautiful church building which stands as a monument to his earnest and consecrated efforts. About three years ago he had a severe attack of heart trouble, from which he never fully recovered, although apparently in good health. On the afternoon of January 27th he had been in the neighboring city of Rensselaer calling on some of his flock. He returned to his home seemingly as well as usual, and retired to rest at his regular hour; but during the night the summons came to "enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God." The family and congregation were greatly shocked at the sudden death of their beloved husband, father and pastor, and the large concourse of people at the funeral attested to the loving estimation in which he was held. He was of a modest disposition, yet he had great kindliness of heart and cordiality of manner which endeared him to all. He was a faithful pastor, an energetic preacher, a true friend. He possessed also marked poetical talent, and many journals and magazines contain contributions from his pen in the German language. Even four days before his death, he wrote some very beautiful poems. He had a special gift in this direction, and in his college days, received the first prize for writing a poem on a given subject. He received the degree of Ph. D. from the University of Leipzig. We can truly say—"Well done, good and faithful servant."

BENJAMIN COOPER LIPPINCOTT died at Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 29, 1899. He was born at Hoboken, N. J., November 22, 1824. He was given to the ministry in his infancy,

and made to feel that the Lord's claim on his life was supreme. Completing his preparatory studies in New York City, he entered Rutgers College in 1843 and graduated in 1847. He then entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, graduating in 1850. His first charge was at Hurley, N. Y., and after some years, jointly with North Marbletown, in which he served sixteen years. While there he married, and his four children were born. The loyal affection of his Hurley people always followed him, and there among his old parishioners he was laid to rest. His second charge was the Reformed Church of Clarkstown, N. Y., where he remained five and a half years. While here a mighty work of grace came upon his labors, and fifty were brought at one time into the Church, and two young men into the ministry. He also guided his people in building a new edifice, as he had done in his first charge at Hurley. In 1872 he was called to be pastor of the newly organized Reformed Church of Wallkill, N. Y. Here he labored for five and a-half years, with happy results. His fourth charge was over the Reformed Church of North and South Hampton, where he labored, among a great country population, with acceptance and success, a little more than four years. In 1881 he was called to the Reformed Church of Port Ewen, N. Y., from which he retired in 1898. Here his labors were richly blessed. In two different years twenty-four persons were received on confession of faith. In another single year seventy-one were received on confession, and the last year of his ministry there, twenty-eight were reported on confession. He gave the whole of his life to Christ and the Church. In modesty, purity, simplicity of aims and of means, he did a great work. As a pastor and counsellor of the young, and especially of young men, he excelled. Scores of young men have been brought to Christ through his personal effort. He was in great bodily distress at the hour of his death, but his mind was clear toward God and heaven. When asked by one who was beside him what message he should carry to his brethren in the ministry, he answered, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Soon after he

relapsed into unconsciousness, and at half-past three o'clock Sabbath morning he passed away. His funeral was held in the First Reformed Church of Kingston, N. Y.

FRANZ HARTIG died in Jamaica; New York, February 1st, 1899. He was born in Amorbach, Bavaria, November 17th, 1850. He came from a noble family, and a sister is now living who is a baroness. His father was, for a long time, governor over a province. Franz was the youngest of five children. As a child he attended the volke-schule of his native village. Later he entered the Gymnasium at Acchaffenburg. There was no free schooling; education was expensive; and at about nineteen years of age he came to this country, bringing with him the Christian principles which his parents had taught him, and to which he remained loyal. He resided for a time at Carlstadt, N.J. For many years he had felt a desire to become a preacher of the Gospel to the German people. Opportunity offering, he entered the class of '79 in the Bloomfield Theological Seminary. While a student there he organized a Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Valley (now Pleasant Dale), N. J., and assumed the pastorate of it upon graduation. He held this relation for about seven years, and then became pastor of St. Paul's German Church at Jamaica, L. I., until his death. This church at once became self-supporting; a parsonage was built, a building for school purposes erected, the interior of the church building renovated, and the debt considerably reduced. Mr. Hartig was splendidly equipped, physically, for his work. To a strong body was added a strong mind. He had a never-failing, ever-sparkling humor, which made him a good companion. As a pastor he was energetic and tireless in his efforts. He was conscientious, and regarded the ministry as the noblest and most responsible calling. He was humble, seeking not his own but the Master's glory. Never looking for honor or worldly gain, his one desire was to glorify his Lord. He was blessed in his labors, which were crowned with fruitful results. During the last week in January

he contracted a heavy cold. He was importuned not to preach, but persisted in occupying his pulpit, true to the end. On the afternoon of February 1 he received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, after which he exclaimed, "The Lord may act as it pleaseth him." That night he passed away. In 1881 he married Lydia Franz, who survives him, with a family of five small children. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, February 4th, at the church, which was filled with sorrowing friends and ministerial brethren.

ABRAHAM STEGEMAN died at New Holland, Mich., February 19, 1899. He was born at New Gronigen, Mich., May 4, 1857. His father, Manus Stegeman, was one of pioneers of the Dutch colony in Western Michigan. His early life was spent on his father's farm. Being a child of promise, his parents gladly permitted him to acquire an education at Hope College, Holland, Mich. Being people of limited means, it was necessary during his preparatory years to board at home, nearly three miles distant from Holland. His fellow students testify that, in their recollection, he was never absent and very seldom late, even at the 8 o'clock morning prayers on wintry days. His record at college is one of spotless purity. Quiet, steady in his character, his early training in the ways a child should go was signally blessed of God.

He graduated at Hope College in 1880, and in the fall of the same year entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., from which he graduated in May, 1883.

Being licensed by the Classis of Holland, the young church of Harrison, South Dakota, called him as their pastor, which call he accepted and was there ordained and installed by the Classis of Illinois, August 29, 1883.

He endeared himself by his earnest and untiring work, both as pastor and adviser in the trying years of the early settlement in Dakota. When this church of Harrison heard of the sudden death of their first pastor, to give evidence of their esteem and attachment to him, they delegated their present pastor to attend the funeral and

express their regard and love for the man who, during nine years of pioneer times, had been the means of leading them to the great source of comfort and strength in times of trial and sorrow.

In the fall of 1892 he resigned his charge in Dakota to accept the call of the Reformed Church at New Holland, Mich. This was to be the scene of his death, but not until six years and a half of devoted service had also taught this church to love and respect him as a devoted servant of the Lord. As he moved among his people he steadily grew deeper into the affections of them all. By his ministry he engrafted and impressed upon the hearts of all, the ideal, faithful disciple of the cross, who followed close in the footsteps of the Master. He was strongly orthodox, and sincere in his convictions of the truth of our Reformed doctrines, and, wherever occasion permitted, his convincing statements of the truth left a deep impression.

He loved the expository method of preaching and frequently treated portions of Scripture in a series of sermons. His last sermon was to have been from the 143d Psalm, the first six verses. He had read his text, had finished the introduction, and was nearing the end of the first part of the sermon when a stroke of apoplexy compelled him to cease. He knew not that he had completed his life work. One of his elders assisted him to the chair. With tear-filled eyes and throbbing hearts his people looked into the face of their dying pastor. He soon lost consciousness. He was taken to the parsonage, where two hours later he died.

He was buried in the cemetery at New Gronigen, only a few rods away from the house where he was born.

The esteem, in which he was held, was witnessed at the church where his last words had been spoken. Such a great number of people came from all parts of Western Michigan to show their regard and love for the man that the large church was filled, and it was necessary to hold an overflow meeting in the adjoining school house. One of his classmates at Hope College, Rev. J. P. De Jong, of Zeeland, the church of Mr. Stegeman's childhood and

youth, preached the sermon. Rev. H. E. Dosker, D.D., delivered a very appreciative eulogy. Rev. James F. Zwemer, also a classmate, gave some very touching reminiscences of their united labors in Dakota. Rev. Siegers, of Harrison, South Dakota, who was the last speaker, testified in the name of the church and citizens of Harrison and of all Douglas County, Dakota, that he expressed the lasting esteem in which the memory of Mr. Stegeman would ever be held. His unbounded zeal for the welfare of all classes and all nationalities in the county would, while they lived, be held in grateful remembrance.

December 4th, 1883, Mr. Stegeman married Bertha Van Eyck. Three children mourn with their mother the death of a devoted husband and father.

EDWARD BIRDSALL died at Clifton, N. J., April 8th, 1899. He was born in Williamsburgh (now part of the borough of Brooklyn), N. Y., August 21st, 1842. His parents were James Birdsall and Jane Constant. His boyhood was spent in Peekskill, N. Y., where he received his early instruction, principally from the Rev. Charles D. Buck, D.D., at the time, pastor of the Reformed Church of that village. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted with the intention of serving until its close; but in September, 1861, after but five months of service, on account of incapacitating disease, he received honorable discharge. After recovery he engaged in business in California for a time. Returning to Peekskill, he became converted, and joined the Reformed Church of that place under the pastorate of the Rev. Isaac L. Kip—at whose suggestion he was led to study for the ministry of the Gospel. He entered the Seminary at New Brunswick, and graduated in 1880. He was licensed by the Classis of Westchester, and was ordained by the Classis of Philadelphia, and installed pastor over the Reformed Church of Three Bridges, N. J., which charge he served until 1884. His subsequent pastorates were: Addisville, Pa., 1884-1888; Schodack, N. Y., 1888-1892; and Clifton, N. J., from 1892 until his death. On June 3d, 1879, while still in the Seminary, he married Sarah W. Wyckoff of New Bruns-

wick, who, together with a son and a daughter, survives him. His pastorate at Clifton began on Christmas day, 1892, and his last service was rendered on Easter, 1899: beautiful and suggestive the thought of a pastorate having its inception in the joyous birth of our Lord, and its consummation in His glorious Resurrection. While at Schodack, he wrote a little volume entitled "The Church Member's Manual," published by our Board in 1892, which has served well its purpose of informing and stimulating our membership in the faith and work of the denomination. He was also a frequent contributor to the *Christian Intelligencer*. Among the many striking characteristics of his life may be noted his deep affection in the home. He was a magnet to his wife and children, drawing and holding them to himself as their earthly life centre. His home life was a constant sermon to his people, impressing more powerfully than spoken sermons ever can, the practical secret of a happy family life. He was possessed of a marked kindliness of temper. Modesty was with him a native trait, but deepened by the experiences of his life. Taking up his preparation for the ministry somewhat late in years, and lacking a college training, he sought by systematic courses of reading, and by gathering a library of well-selected books, to overcome the conscious lack. He was ever eagerly on the alert to seize opportunities for learning from living scholars, and was a most thoughtful and untiring listener. Nothing was more noticeable in him than conscientiousness. It ruled every movement of his life. Compromise was his abhorrence. Coupled with his inflexible firmness was a loving spirit which made every one feel that he was not obstinate, but was simply living out principle and honest conviction. Having heard with absolute distinctness the special call of his Lord to the work of the gospel ministry, he was devoted to his calling. His pulpit and his pastorate were his all-absorbing thought. Faithfulness is written across his entire record. His life was marked by much spirituality, which was manifested in many ways and on all occasions. Another marked feature was his reverence for the Word of God. He had the Word in him as a life, and could say

of its great central person, "Christ liveth in me." The Book was life and food, meat and drink, light and strength, grace and salvation to him. He has left behind him a good name and a record of faithful work. Interment was at Peekskill, N. Y.

Signed, J. S. N. DEMAREST, *Chairman*,
J. W. WARNSHUIS,
C. P. DITMARS,
B. B. STAATS.

The report was read by Rev. A. Messler Quick. It was accepted and adopted. The resignation of Rev. J. S. N. Demarest as Chairman of the Committee was accepted, and Rev. Taber Knox was appointed in his place.

The Rev. David Cole informed the Synod of the death of Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, D.D. The following action was taken :

WHEREAS, The General Synod has learned with profound sorrow that on Tuesday, the 13th inst, the Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, D. D., was called from his earthly to his heavenly home ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bear record to the long and useful ministry of this beloved and honored minister of the Lord Jesus Christ ;

That the sympathy of the General Synod be conveyed to the family in their bereavement ;

That we take to heart the lesson, "Be ye also ready," and work while it is day, knowing that "The night cometh in which no man can work,"

AMSTERDAM CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on the Amsterdam Correspondence presented their report. It is as follows :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Committee on the Amsterdam Correspondence have great pleasure in reporting that a very important advance has been made during the year in the work

committed to them. The Rev. Dr. Corwin returned to this country in November last, bringing with him a very large amount of material collected in Holland. This consists of transcripts of original documents found chiefly at Amsterdam and the Hague, describing in his report to the Committee, which is herewith submitted as a part of our report to the Synod.

At the beginning of the present year an effort was made, with the co-operation of several distinguished gentlemen interested in historical research, to obtain the aid of the Governor and Legislature of the State of New York in the preparation and publication of these documents in so far as they bear (as very many of them do) upon our colonial history. This effort has met with success, and an appropriation has been obtained from the Legislature for the translation of such documents and their preparation for publication, with the provision that the work shall be done under the general direction of the State Historian. This action leads us to hope that the work begun by us will be carried to its completion by the authorities of the State.

As has been mentioned in previous reports, your Committee have, by virtue of the authority given them, added to their number other gentlemen interested in this effort to collect and preserve historical documents of great value. Many of these gentlemen are in no way connected with the Dutch Church. It is under the direction of the General Committee, thus constituted that Dr. Corwin has been employed and that the funds needed for his support have been raised. Since his return to this country he has been engaged, in the service of the same Committee, in classifying and cataloguing the material which he had collected, down to the 1st of May, 1899, when the funds in their hands were exhausted. It seems to your Committee eminently desirable that the Church as such should no longer be prominent in the matter. The ends we are aiming at can, in our judgment, be best secured by leaving it in the hands of the general committee of gentlemen above referred to, who may act in connection with the Governor and the Historian of the

State of New York in carrying out the provisions of the bill approved by the Legislature. We have met with the most cordial sympathy on the part of both of these gentlemen, and it is their evident desire that the active direction of the work should remain with those who have thus far carried it on. It may safely be left there. But we desire no longer to appear in this connection as the representatives of any ecclesiastical body. And we would, therefore, close this report with the recommendation that we be discharged from further service as a Committee of General Synod. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Amsterdam Correspondence be and it is hereby discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. COE,
EDWARD T. CORWIN.

The report was accepted and adopted. The following resolution was also adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod recognize the value of the work done by the committee on the Amsterdam correspondence, not only as a work of historic value, but of supreme importance as connected with the early history of our dear Dutch Church ; and throwing much light upon the early Colonial history of this country. Therefore

Resolved, That in discharging the said committee, we express our sincere thanks and full appreciation of the work done.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ACCOUNTS.

A bill for the expenses of the Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechetical Instruction was presented amounting to \$20.61, and also a bill for the expenses of Rev. Peter Stryker, member of Special Committee on Disabled Ministers' Fund, amounting to \$5.56. Both bills were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

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The Committee on Accounts presented their report. It was accepted and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report :

The following bills have been placed in their hands, viz :

A bill of the Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., for expenses to this Synod, to make a report as a Committeeman on the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	\$5 50
A bill of the Estate of J. B. Hall, for printing 300 copies of Roll and Committees of this Synod... ..	5 50
A bill of Rev. T. J. Kommers for expenses of Committee on Sunday-schools and Catechetical instruction:.....	
Printing Blanks.....	\$7 75
Card File and Printing Cards.....	6 95
Postage and Stationary.....	5 91
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	\$20 61
Total.....	<hr/>
	\$31 61

A bill asking for appropriations by General Synod for traveling expenses of Western delegates, 1899.

CLASSIS OF DAKOTA.

Rev. C. F. De Witz.....	\$45 00
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CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.

Rev. E. W. Staplekamp.....	\$12 00
" P. Siegers.....	12 00
" J. Kremer.....	12 00
" A. Buursma.....	12 00
" James F. Zwemer.....	12 00
Elder J. Simon.....	12 00
" B. Dosker.....	12 00
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CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

Rev. Jacob Van der Meulen.....	\$16 80
" G. H. Hospers.....	16 80
" H. K. Boer.....	16 80
Elder G. Rooks.....	16 80
" T. G. Huizinga.....	16 80
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CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

Rev. E. A. Drake.	\$21 60	
“ P. F. Schuelke.....	21 60	
“ F. Klooster.....	21 60	
Elder T. Zandstra.....	21 60	
“ George Watson	21 60	
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CLASSIS OF IOWA.

Rev. H. Straks	\$30 00	
“ S. J. Menning.....	30 00	
“ W. Wolvius.....	30 00	
Elder H. Beyers.....	30 00	
	<hr/>	120 00

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. Geo. Z. Collier.....	\$21 00	
“ H. G. Birchby.....	21 00	
“ N. F. Nickerson.....	21 00	
Elder H. Meyers.....	21 00	
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CLASSIS OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE.

Rev. D. Shaefer	\$38 33	
“ G. Veenker.....	38 33	
“ F. Shaefer.....	38 34	
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CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

Rev. P. Swart.....	\$15 43	
“ H. Hospers.....	15 43	
“ F. J. Zwemer.....	15 43	
“ P. G. A. Bouma.....	15 43	
Elder J. H. Nichols.....	15 43	
“ H. Ten Haken.....	15 43	
“ T. Tillema.....	15 42	
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		\$748 00

The sum total of these bills is \$779.61.

The Committee recommends that sufficient money be appropriated by General Synod for the payment of these bills.

The Committee also recommend that the sum of

twenty dollars (\$20) be paid to the sexton of this Church for services rendered the Synod during its sessions 'here. \$20.00.

The aggregate of bills is \$799.61.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HART,
J. E. CRANE,
JAMES PALMER,
A. HOLLENBECK,
H. S. SEELY.

ARTICLE XXV.

PARTICULARIA.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows : Of meeting at 9 A. M., 2 and 7:30 P. M., and of adjournment at 12 M. and 5:30 P. M.

The bar of the house was fixed.

The President appointed the following as the Committee on Devotional Exercises, Revs. W. H. S. Demarest, P. T. Pockman and Elder John S. Bussing. The committee reported the following for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the President of the Synod, Rev. George S. Bishop, to preside and read the form. Rev. H. G. Birchby, to distribute the bread, and Rev. W. I. Chamberlain to serve the wine. Elders, J. J. Janeway, Thomas J. Wood, Wm. J. Masten, B. Dosker, J. H. Nichols and G. Rooks, to pass the elements.

The Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with this program on Thursday evening, with the exception that Rev. Joseph R. Duryea served the wine.

An invitation was received from the Catskill Mountain Railway Co. and the Otis Elevating Railway Co. for an excursion to the mountains, to leave the station at 12:10 on Saturday. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The following were appointed as a committee on the

next place of meeting: Revs. W. H. Ten Eyck, I. P. Brokaw and John A. De Baun.

This committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

CATSKILL, N. Y., June 12.

The Committee on Place of Meeting respectfully report that three invitations have been extended to the General Synod for the next session.

First, From the Reformed Church of Asbury Park.

Second, From the Convention Bureau of Saratoga.

Third, From the Governor of Michigan, inviting the Synod to meet at Detroit.

In view of all the circumstances, the Committee unanimously recommend the acceptance of the invitation of the Church at Asbury Park.

W. H. TEN EYCK.

J. A. DE BAUN.

I. P. BROKAW.

The Woman's Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions gave a reception on Tuesday evening at the Prospect Park Hotel to which the members of the Synod were cordially invited.

Rev. C. E. Wyckoff addressed the Synod in the interests of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That General Synod has heard with great satisfaction the address of the Rev. C. E. Wyckoff in the interests of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and commend the organization to the young men of our Church.

Resolved, That the Ministers of Catskill and vicinity, who may attend the sessions, be invited to sit with the Synod.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of this session of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the General Synod be extended :

To Rev. *W. H. S. Demarest*, the pastor of *this church*, the officers, members, choir and organist for their hospitality, and for services so kindly rendered ;

To the pastor and members of the *Baptist Church* for the generous offer of their church for the use of the ladies' meetings ;

To the *railroad* and *steamboat* companies for their reduced rates of fare, and especially in the instances of free transportation of the Catskill evening line ;

To Mr. *Chas. L. Rickerson* for the delightful and exciting excursion to the summit of the Catskill Mountains and return ; also to Mr. and Mrs. *Irving Jennings* for the abundant and refreshing lunch in the grove of the Mountain House ;

To the *W. E. C.* of the Domestic Board for the generous repast provided for the Synod at the reception on Tuesday evening ; and to *all* who have aided in providing for the comfort of the members of the Synod, and contributed to the fraternal spirit so manifest in all its sessions.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the roll was called.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, Pastor of the Catskill Church addressed the Synod. Dr. Bishop replied, and gave some parting words to the members of the Synod. Two stanzas of the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" were sung. The roll was called. Prayer was offered by Rev. John H. Raven. The Synod adjourned.

GEO. S. BISHOP, *President*,

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*,

CHAS. E. CORWIN,

GERRIT H. HOSPERS, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official Minutes.

WM. H. DE HART, *Stated Clerk*.

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DATE	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
June, 1764—	Rev. Wm. Linn.....	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
" 1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	"	New York City
" 1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey....	Albany, N. Y.
" 1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	New York.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
May, 1804—	Rev. John H. Livingston....	" . . .	New York City
June, 1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn...	New Jersey	Albany, N. Y.
Sept., 1807—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn...	"	Harlem, N. Y.
June, 1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York.....	New York City
" 1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	"	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1813—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey....	New York City
June, 1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	New York	" "
" 1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey....	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1815—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania...	New York City
June, 1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	" ...	" "
" 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
Oct., 1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	" ...	Kingston, N. Y.
June, 1818—	Rev. Wm. McMurray	"	New York City
Aug., 1818—	Rev. Wm. McMurray	"	Albany, N. Y.
June 1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	"	" "
" 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon	New Jersey....	New York City
Oct., 1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1821—	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull.....	New York	" "
" 1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler	"	New York City
Feb., 1823—	Rev. Philip Milledoler	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda	"	" "
" 1824—	Rev. Thomas De Witt	"	New York City
Feb., 1825—	Rev. Thomas De Witt.....	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead ...	Penna... N.	Brunswick, N. J.
Sept., 1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	" ...	" "
Mar., 1826—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead	"	New York City
June, 1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York	" "
" 1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
Apr., 1828—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler.....	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker	"	" "
" 1829—	Rev. John Knox.....	"	New York City
" 1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge	New Jersey, N.	Brunswick, N. J.
" 1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
Nov., 1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	"	New York City
June, 1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	"	" "
Oct., 1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	"	Albany, N. Y.

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June, 1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway	New York.	Schenectady, N. Y.
" 1834—	Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken.	New Jersey.	New York City
" 1835—	Rev. Robert Bronk	New York.	Philadelphia, Pa.
" 1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff	"	New York City
" 1838—	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
" 1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune	Penna.	Philadelphia, Pa.
July, 1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune	"	N. Brunswick, N. J.
June, 1840—	Rev. James Murphy	New York.	New York City
Nov., 1840—	Rev. James Murphy	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn	"	" "
Sept., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn	"	New York City
Oct., 1841—	Rev. James Romeyn	"	" "
June, 1842—	Rev. James B. Hardenbergh.	"	" "
" 1843—	Rev. William C. Brownlee	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1844—	Rev. Jacob Van Vechten	"	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
" 1845 .	Rev. Maurice W. Dwight	"	N. Brunswick, N. J.
" 1846—	Rev. William H. Campbell	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1847—	Rev. Abraham Messler	New Jersey.	New York City
" 1848—	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye	New York.	Kingston, N. Y.
Sept., 1848—	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye	"	Brooklyn, N. Y.
June, 1849—	Rev. George H. Fisher	"	New York City
Aug., 1849—	Rev. J. Van Vechten	"	Schenectady, N. Y.
June, 1850—	Rev. Jeremiah Searle	"	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
" 1851—	Rev. Alexander M. Mann	"	Albany, N. Y.
" 1852—	Rev. Gustavus Abeel	New Jersey.	Williamsburg, N. Y.
" 1853—	Rev. Duncan Kennedy	New York.	Philadelphia, Pa.
" 1854—	Rev. Mancius S. Hutton	"	Hudson, N. Y.
" 1855—	Rev. Ransford Wells	"	N. Brunswick, N. J.
Oct., 1855—	Rev. Ransford Wells	"	New York City
June, 1856—	Rev. Francis M. Kip	"	Utica, N. Y.
" 1857—	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord	"	Ithaca, N. Y.
Oct., 1857—	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord	"	Newark, N. J.
June, 1858—	Rev. David D. Demarest	"	" "
" 1859—	Rev. Samuel B. How	New Jersey.	Albany, N. Y.
" 1860—	Rev. Oscar H. Gregory	New York.	Philadelphia, Pa.
" 1861—	Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef	"	Brooklyn, N. Y.
" 1862—	Rev. John Garretson	"	Syracuse, N. Y.
" 1863—	Rev. Talbot W. Chambers	"	Newburgh, N. Y.
" 1864—	Rev. Philip Phelps	Michigan.	Schenectady, N. Y.
" 1865—	Rev. Anson Dubois	New York.	N. Brunswick, N. J.
" 1866—	Rev. Hervey D. Ganse	"	New York City
" 1867—	Rev. Thomas C. Strong	"	Geneva, N. Y.
Nov., 1867—	Rev. Thomas C. Strong	"	Albany, N. Y.
June, 1868—	Rev. Elbert S. Porter	"	Hudson, N. Y.
" 1869—	Rev. Charles H. Stitt	"	Philadelphia, Pa.

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June, 1870—	Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye	"Newark, N. J.
" 1871—	Rev. William J. R. Taylor	New JerseyAlbany, N. Y.
Sept., 1871—	Rev. William J. R. Taylor	New Jersey	.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
June, 1872—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf	New York" "
" 1873—	Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson . . . .	"	.....N. Brunswick, N. J.
" 1874—	Rev. Goyn Talmage	New Jersey	.....Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
" 1875—	Rev. Charles Scott	Michigan	.....Jersey City, N. J.
" 1876—	Rev. John McC. Holmes	New York	.....Kingston, N. Y.
" 1877—	Rev. Rufus W. Clark . . . . .	"	.....New York City
" 1878—	Rev. Jacob Chamberlain	India	.....Utica, N. Y.
" 1879—	Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest	Pennsylvania	.....Newark, N. J.
" 1880—	Rev. John A. De Baun	New York	.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
" 1881—	Rev. Isaac S. Hartley . . . . .	"	.....Hudson, "
Oct., 1881—	Rev. Isaac S. Hartley . . . . .	"	.....Schenectady, "
June, 1882—	Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll	"" "
" 1883—	Rev. William R. Duryee	New Jersey	.....Albany, N. Y.
" 1884—	Rev. David Cole	New York	.....G. Rapids, Mich.
" 1885—	Rev. J. Howard Suydam	New Jersey	.....Syracuse, N. Y.
" 1886—	Rev. John B. Drury	New York	.....N. Brunswick, N. J.
" 1887—	Rev. Charles I. Shepard . . . .	"	.....Catskill, N. Y.
" 1888—	Rev. Mancius H. Hutton	New Jersey" "
" 1889—	Rev. Evert Van Slyke	New York" "
" 1890—	Rev. J. Romeyn Berry . . . . .	"	.....Asbury Park, N. J.
" 1891—	Rev. E. T. Corwin	New Jersey" "
" 1892—	Rev. F. S. Schenck	New York" "
" 1893—	Rev. Cornelius Brett	New Jersey" "
" 1894—	Rev. Edward A. Collier	New York" "
" 1895—	Rev. Peter Stryker . . . . .	"	.....G. Rapids, Mich.
" 1896—	Rev. John B. Thompson	New Jersey	.....Catskill, N. Y.
" 1897—	Rev. Charles W. Fritts	New YorkAsbury Park, N. J.
" 1898—	Rev. Edward B. Coe	"" "
" 1899—	Rev. George S. Bishop	New JerseyCatskill, N. Y.

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Rev. Cornelius Brouwer, appointed	1800
Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, "	1806
Rev. John M. Bradford, "	1812
Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, "	1818
Rev. John Knox, "	1820
Rev. Thomas M. Strong, "	1828
Rev. David D. Demarest, "	1862
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, "	1871
Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, " [pro tem., for one year]	1886
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, "	1887
Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, " [pro tem., for one year]	1895
Rev. W. H. DeHart, "	1896

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- Rev. John H. Livingston, D.D.,
Professor of Didactic Theology, etc., 1784-1825.
- Rev. Hermanus Meyer, D.D.,
Professor of Languages at Pompton Plains, 1784-91.
Lector in Theology, " " 1786-91.
- Rev. Solomon Froeligh, D.D.,
Lector in Theology at Hackensack, N. J., 1792-7.
Professor of Didactic Theology, Hackensack, N. J., 1797-1822.
- Rev. Theodoric (Dirck) Romeyn, D.D.,
Lector in Theology at Schenectady, N. Y., 1792-7.
Professor of Didactic Theology, 1797-1804.
- Rev. John Bassett, D.D.,
Teacher of Hebrew at Boght, Schoharie Co., and at Albany, N. Y.,
1804-12.
- Rev. Jeremiah Romeyn, D.D.,
Professor of Hebrew at Linlithgo, Harlem, Schoharie and Woodstock,
1804-6.
- Rev. John M. Van Harlingen, D.D.,
Professor of Hebrew and Ecclesiastical History at New Brunswick,
1812-13.
- Rev. John Schureman, D.D.,
Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and Pastoral
Duties at New Brunswick, 1815-18.
- Rev. John Ludlow, D.D.,
Professor of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History at New
Brunswick, 1819-23.
- Rev. John De Witt, D.D.,
Professor of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History at New
Brunswick, 1823-25.
Professor of Biblical Literature. 1825-31.

Rev. Philip Milledoler, D.D.,

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1825-41.

Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, D.D.,

Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and Pastoral
Theology, New Brunswick, 1825-26.

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Theology, New Brunswick, 1826-52.

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Rev. Samuel A. VanVranken, D.D.,

Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Brunswick,
1841-61.

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Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., LL.D.,

Professor of Pastoral Theology, Ecclesiastical History and Church
Government at New Brunswick, 1857-65. Professor of Ecclesias-
tical History and Church Government, 1865.

Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D.,

Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Brunswick,
1861-71.

Rev. John De Witt, D.D., LL.D.,

Professor of Biblical Literature at New Brunswick, 1863-84. Pro-
fessor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, 1884-92.

Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.,

Professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric at New Brnns-
wick, 1865-98.

Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt, D.D., LL.D.,

Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Brunswick,
1872-81. Emeritus Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology,
New Brunswick, 1881.

Rev. William V. V. Mabon, D.D., LL.D.,

Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at New Brunswick,
1881-92.

Rev. John G. Lansing, D.D.,

Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis at New Brunswick, 1883-98.

Rev. James F. Riggs, D.D.,

Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, 1892-98.

Rev. John Preston Searle, D.D.,

Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, 1893.

Rev. John H. Gillespie, D.D.,

Professor of Hellenistic Greek and New Testament Exegesis, 1898.

Rev. Ferdinand S. Schenck, D.D.,

Professor of Practical Theology, 1899.

Rev. John H. Raven,

Professor of Old Testament Languages and Exegesis, 1899.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANTS.

Rev. Peter Studdiford,

Instructor in Hebrew, 1812-14.

Rev. James S. Cannon, D.D.,

Instructor in Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and Pastoral Theology, 1818-19.

Rev. John S. Mabon,

Instructor in Hebrew and Greek, 1818-19.

Rev. Alexander McClelland, D.D.,

Instructor in Hebrew, 1831-32.

Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D.,

Lecturer on Pulpit Eloquence, 1857-58.

Rev. Prof. Samuel N. Woodbridge, D.D., LL.D.,

Instructor in Didactic and Polemic Theology, 1871-72.

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., LL.D.,

Assistant Instructor in New Testament Exegesis, 1883-84.

Rev. Edward T. Corwin, D.D.,

Assistant Instructor in Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, 1883-84.

Rev. John H. Raven,

Instructor in Old Testament Languages and Exegesis, 1898-99.

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- Rev. Theodoric Romeyn Beck, D.D.,
Lector in Biblical Criticism and Philology, 1867-85.
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Lector in Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, 1867-70.
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- Rev. Nicholas M. Steffens, D.D.,
Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, 1884-95.
- Rev. John W. Beardslee, D.D.,
Professor of Biblical Languages, Literature and Exegesis, 1888.
- Rev. P. Moerdyke, D.D.,
Lector in New Testament Exegesis, 1884-86.
- Rev. Henry E. Dosker, D.D.,
Lector in Historical Theology, 1884-88, and in New Testament
Exegesis, 1886-88. Professor of Historical Theology, 1894.
- Rev. Egbert Winter, D.D.,
Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, 1895.

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- Rev. William W. Scudder, D.D.,
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- Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D.,
Lector in Biblical Languages and Literature and Exposition of
Prophecy, 1891.
- Rev. Jared W. Scudder, D.D.,
Professor of Theology, 1895.

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outh.....	" T. J. Kommers.....	" 1902
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.....	" Charles W. Pitcher.....	" 1904
.....	" Wm. A. Shaw.....	" 1904
er.....	" Joseph A. Harper.....	" 1904

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L. M. Phelps.....	May, 1901
C. Van Vranken, M.D.....	" 1900

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

n C. Giffing... ..	May, 1903
N. Perlee	" 1904

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ry W. Hoagland.....	May, 1903
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Holland.	" Albert Van den Berg.....	1903
Illinois.....	" Paul F. Schuelke.....	1902
Iowa.....	" Matthew Kolyn.....	1904
Michigan.....	" G. Z. Collier.....	1904
Wisconsin.....	" G. J. Hekhuis.....	1904
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" J. H. Nichols.....	1903
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" G. H. Mandeville, D.D., LL.D.	1901
" James F. Zwemer.....	1902
Isaac Cappon.....	1903
Arend Visscher.....	1905

G. J. Diekema.....	1904
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A. A. Raven.....	1900

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<i>Addisville</i> Richboro', Pa...	Philadelphia	* <i>Atwood</i> , Mich.....	Grand River
Albany, N. Y.—		* <i>Aurlesville</i> , N. Y.....	Montgomery
†* <i>First</i> , No. Pearl Street	Albany		
†* <i>Third</i> , South Ferry Street.....	"	Baker, Iowa.....	Pleasant Prairie
<i>Fourth</i> , Schuyler Street.....	"	Bacon Hill, N.Y.—	
||<i>Madison Ave.</i> , Madison Ave...	"	* <i>Northumberland</i>	Saratoga
<i>Holland</i> , Jay Street	"	Baileyville, Ill.....,	Pleasant Prairie
* <i>Sixth</i>	"	* <i>Bath-on-Hudson</i> , N. Y.....	Rensselaer
Alexander, Ia.....	Pleasant Prairie.	Bayonne, N. J.—	
Alexandria Bay, N. Y.—		†* <i>First</i>	South Bergen
* <i>Thousand Isles</i>	Montgomery	<i>Third</i>	"
Alliendal, India	Arcot	<i>Bay Ridge</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y....	So. L. I.
* <i>Altamont</i> , N. Y.....	Schenectady	Beaverdam, Mich.....	Holland
* <i>Alto</i> , Wis.....	Wisconsin	<i>Beaverdam</i> , Berne, N. Y.....	Schoharie
* <i>Alton</i> , Iowa.....	Iowa	Becker's Corners, N. Y.—	
<i>Amity</i> , Vischer's Ferry, N. Y..	Sch'tady	<i>First Bethlehem</i>	Albany
Amsterdam, N. Y.—		<i>Bedford</i> , Brooklyn, N. Y.....	So. L. I.
<i>First</i>	Montgomery	* <i>Bedminster</i> , N. J	Raritan
†* <i>Trinity</i>	"	†* <i>Belleville</i> , N. J	Newark
†* <i>Annandale</i> , N. J.....	Raritan	<i>Bellevue</i> , Sch'dy, N. Y.....	Schenectady
Aplington, Ia.....	Pleasant Prairie	Belmont, New York City....	Westchester
<i>Arcadia</i> , Newark, N. Y.....	Rochester	<i>Berea</i> , Walden, N. Y.....	Orange
†* <i>Arcot</i> , India.....	Arcot	<i>Bergen</i> , Jersey City, N. J..	South Bergen
Armour, S. D., <i>Grand View</i>	Dakota	†* <i>Bergen Point</i> , N. J.....	"
* <i>Arni</i> , India.....	Arcot	Berne, N. Y.—	
†* <i>Asbury Park</i> , N. J.....	Monmouth	* <i>First</i>,	Schoharie
Astoria, L. I.—		* <i>Second</i> , Knox, N. Y..	Albany
†* <i>First</i>	North Long Island	* <i>Beaverdam</i>	Schoharie
<i>Second</i>	" "	<i>Bethany</i> , Sully, Iowa.....	Illinois

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

Bethany, Roseland, Chicago, Ill.. Wisc'n
Bethany, Brooklyn, N. Y. So. L. I.
Bethany, Grand Rapids, Mich. . . . Mich.
Bethel, Pella, Iowa. Illinois
Bethel, Leota, Minn. Iowa
Bethel, Davis, S. D. Dakota
Bethel, George, Iowa. . . . Pleasant Prairie
Bethel, Detroit, Mich. . . . Pleasant Prairie
**Bethlehem*, Dilman Sta., Wis.. Wisconsin
Bethlehem, **First*, Bethlehem
Center. Albany
**Second*, Delmar, N. Y. Albany
Bethlehem, Ia. Illinois
†**Blawenburgh*, N. J. Philadelphia
**Bloomingburgh*, N. Y. Orange
Bloomington, Bloomington, N. Y. King'n
Bloomington, N. Y. City. . . . New York
Blooming Grove, Defreestville,
N. Y. Rensselaer
Blue Mountain, Fawns, N. Y. . . . Ulster
Boardville, N. J. Passaic
Boght, Cohoes, N. Y. Saratoga
†**Boonton*, N. J. Passaic
†**Bound Brook*, N. J. . . . New Brunswick
Boyden, Iowa. Iowa
Breakabeen, North Blenheim,
N. Y. Schoharie
†**Brighton*, N. Y. Rochester
Brighton Heights, N. Y. City. New York
**Britton*, Mich. Michigan
" " *Despelder*.
†**Bronxville*, N. Y. Westchester
Brooklyn, N. Y.—
†**Bay Ridge*, 2d Ave. & 80th St. So. L. I.
Bedford, Ormond Pl.
Bushwick, No. Second St.,
North Long Island
On-the-Heights, Pierrepont St.,
South Long Island
†**Bethany Chapel*, Hudson Av., So. L. I.
†**East New York*, New Jersey Ave.
South Long Island
†**Edgewood*, Eleventh Av. " "
First, Seventh Ave., " "
Centennial Chapel, Wyckoff, St.,
South Long Island
Church of Jesus. . . North Long Island
Flatbush, Flatbush Av., So. L. Island
†**Flatlands*, " "
†**Grace Chapel*, Lincoln Road,
South Long Island
German-American " "
German Ev., Union Av., No. L. Island
†**Gravesend*, South Long Island
†**Greenpoint*, Kent St., No. Long Island
†**Greenwood Heights*, Forty-first St.,
South Long Island
New Brooklyn, Herkimer St., "

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

†**New Lots*, New Lots Ave., "
†**New Utrecht*, Eighteenth Av., "
†**North*, Clermont Ave., "
Ocean Hill, Herkimer St., "
**Second Flatbush*, "
**South*, Third Ave., "
†**South*, *Bushwick*, Elmrod St.,
North Long Island
†**Twelfth Street*. . . . South Long Island
†**Williamsburgh*, Bedford Ave.,
North Long Island
Brookdale, N. J.—
**Stone House Plains*. . . . Newark
Brookville, L. I.—
**Oyster Bay*. . . . North Long Island
**Bruynswick*, N. Y. *Shawangunk*, Orange
**BUFFALO*, N. Y. Montgomery
Buffalo Center, Iowa. . . . Pl. Prairie
**Bushkill*, Pa., *Lower Walpack*. . . Orange
**Bushnell*, Ill. Illinois
Bushwick, Brooklyn, N. Y. N. L. Island
†**Buskirk*, N. Y. Saratoga
Cailcoon, N. Y. Orange
†**Canajoharie*, N. Y. . . . Montgomery
Canarsie, L. I. S. Long Island
Canastota, N. Y. Montgomery
Carmel, Ia. Iowa
†**Castleton*, N. Y., *Emanuel*. Rensselaer
†**Catskill*, N. Y. Greene
**Cedar Grove*, Wis. Wisconsin
Centerville, Athenia, N. J. . . . Paramus
**Centerville*, Mich. Michigan
Central Bridge, N. Y. Schoharie
Charles Mix, Platte, S. D. . . . Dakota
Chapin, Ia., *Zion*. . . . Pleasant Prairie
†**Chatham*, N. Y. Rensselaer
**Cherry Hill*, N. J. Bergen
Chicago, Illinois—
†**First*, 18th Place. Wisconsin
†**Englewood*, 62d and Peoria Sts., "
**Gano*, Clark and 117th Sts., "
†**Irving Park*, N. 42d Ave. . . . Illinois
**North Western*, W. Superior St., "
†**Norwood Park*. "
Roseland, *First*, Michigan Ave.,
and 107th St. Wisconsin
**Roseland*, *Second (Bethany)*,
111th St. "
†**Trinity*, Marshfield Ave. . . . Illinois
Christ, Newark, N. J. Newark
Chittenango, N. Y. Montgomery
**Chittoor*, India. Arcot
Church of Jesus, B'klyn, N. Y. So. L. I.
Ch. of Comforter, Kingston, N. Y. Ulster
CHURCH OF THE FAITHFUL,
Brown's Station, N. Y. Ulster
Churchville, Holland, Minn. . . . Iowa

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

Churchville, Pa.—
**North and Southampton*..Philadelphia
 Cicero, N. Y.....Montgomery
 Claraville, N. Y.....Orange
 Clara City, Minn.....Iowa
**Clarksville, Oneaquethaw, N. Y.*..Albany
*†**Clarkstown, W. Nyack, N. Y.*..Paramus
 Claverack, N. Y.—
*†****First*.....Hudson
*†*Second, Mellenville, N. Y.*....."
 Cleveland, Ohio.—
**First*.....Rochester
*†*Second*.....Holland
**Clifton, N. J.*.....Paramus
**Closter, N. J.*.....Bergen
 Clove, High Falls, N. Y.....Kingston
 Clover Hill, N. J.....Philadelphia
 Clymer, N. Y.—
**Abbs*.....Rochester
**Clymer Hill, N. Y.*....."
*†*Cobleskill, N. Y.*.....Schoharie
*††**Cockburn, N. Y., Plattekill*....Ulster
**Coeyman's, N. Y.*.....Albany
 Cohoes, N. Y.—
**Boght*.....Saratoga
*†*First*....."
 Cold Spring, N. Y.....Poughkeepsie
*†*College Point, L. I.*.....N. Long Island
*†*Colt's Neck, N. J.*.....Monmouth
*†*Colony, Okla.*....*Columbian* New York
**Columbia, N. Y.*.....Montgomery
 COLUMBIAN Colony, Okla.—..New York
**Constatine, Mich.*.....Michigan
 Coopersville, Mich.....Grand River
 Coonor, India.....Arcot
 Cortlandtown, Montrose, N. Y.,
 Westchester
 Coxsackie, N. Y.—
*†*First*.....Greene
*†*Second*....."
 Cranesville, N. Y.....Montgomery
 Cromwell Center, Ia....Pleasant Prairie
*†*Currytown, N. Y.*.....Montgomery
**Cuddebackville, N. Y.*.....Orange

Davis, S. D., *Bethel*.....Dakota
 Danforth, Ill.....Wisconsin
Dashville Falls, Rifton Glen,
 N. Y.....Kingston
Deerpark, Port Jervis, N. Y......Orange
 Defreestville, N. Y.—
**Blooming Grove*.....Rensselaer
 Delmar, N. Y.—
**Second Bethlehem*.....Albany
 De Motte, Ind.....Wisconsin
 Detroit, Mich.....Grand River
 " " BETHEL.....Pl. Prairie

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

De Spelder, Britton, Mich......Michigan
 Delaware, South Dakota.....Dakota
 Dingham's Ferry, Pa.—
**Upper Walpack*.....Orange
 Dispatch, Kan., *Rotterdam*.....Iowa
 Drenthe, Mich.....Holland
 DUMOND, Zoar, Ia.....Pleasant Prairie

Easton, N. Y.....Saratoga
East Greenbush, Greenbush, N. Y.,
 Rensselaer
 East Little Rock, Ia....Pleasant Prairie
**East Millstone, N. J.*....New Brunswick
East New York, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
 South Long Island
 East Orange, N. J., *Orange*....Newark
East Overisel, Oakland, Mich.....Holland
 East Williamson, N. Y.....Rochester
*†*East Williamsburgh, N. Y.*..N. L. Island
Ebenezer, Holland, Mich......Holland
Ebenezer, Leighton, Iowa.....Illinois
Ebenezer, Morrison, Ill......Wisconsin
Ebenezer, Oregon, Ill.....Pleasant Prairie
Ebenezer, Scotland, S. D......Dakota
Edgewood, Brooklyn, N. Y...S. L. Island
*†*Ellenville, N. Y.*.....Orange
Elm, Kings, Ill......Pleasant Prairie
 Elmford, N. Y.—
*†*Greenburgh*.....Westchester
Emanuel, Palsville, Ia...Pleasant Prairie
Emanuel, Castleton, N. Y.....Rensselaer
 Eminence, N. Y.Schoharie
English Neighborhood, Ridgefield,
 N. J.....Bergen
Englewood, Chicago, Ill......Wisconsin
**Ephratah, N. Y.*.....Montgomery
Esopus, Ulster Park, N. Y......Ulster

**Fairfield, N. J.*.....Passaic
**Fairview, Ill.*.....Illinois
**Fallsburgh, So. Fallsburgh, N. Y.*..Orange
 Falmouth, Mich.....Grand River
*†*Farmer, N. Y.*.....Rochester
**Fawns, N. Y., Blue Mountain*....Ulster
 Fern, Ia., *Parkersburg*..Pleasant Prairie
 Firth, Neb.....Iowa
*†*Fishkill, N. Y.*.....Poughkeepsie
*†*Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y.,* "
 Flatbush (Brooklyn, N. Y.)—
First.....South Long Island
Second....." "
Grace Chapel....." "
Flatbush, Glasco, N. Y......Ulster
Flatlands (B'klyn, N. Y.)....South L. I.
*†*Flushing, L. I.*.....North Long Island
Florida, Minaville, N. Y.....Montgomery
***Fonda, N. Y.*....."

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

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CLASSIS

Fordham, N. Y. City.....Westchester
†*Fort Herkimer*, N. Y.....Montgomery
†**Fort Lee*, N. J., *Palisades*.....Bergen
**Fort Miller*, N. Y.....Saratoga
†**Fort Plain*, N. Y.....Montgomery
**Forest Grove*, *Jamestown*, Mich.,
Holland
**Foreston*, Ill.....Pleasant Prairie
†**Franklin*, Nutley, N. J.....Newark
Franklin, Heelyton, Wis.....Wisconsin
Franklin Park, N. J.—
†**Six Mile Run*.....New Brunswick
Free Grace, Middleburg, Iowa.....Iowa
Freehold, N. J.—
†**First (Marlboro)*.....Monmouth
†**Second*.....“
**Fremont*, Mich.....Grand River
Friesland, Minn.....Iowa
**Fulton*, Ill.....Wisconsin
†**Fultonville*, N. Y.....Montgomery

Galesburg, Iowa, (*C. E. Church*,
No. 11).....Illinois
Gallatin, Mt. Ross, N. Y.....Hudson
**Gallupville*, N. Y.....Schoharie
Gano, Chicago, Ill.....Wisconsin
†**Ganesevoort*, N. Y.....Saratoga
†**Gardiner*, N. Y.....Kingston
†**Garfield*, N. J.....Paramus
GELDERLAND, Holland, Mich....Holland
George, Iowa, *Hops (C. E. Church*,
No. 8).....Pleasant Prairie
George, Iowa, *Bethel*....“
**Germantown*, N. Y.....Hudson
German Valley, Ill.—*Silver Creek*
Pleasant Prairie
German Valley, Ia., *Ramsey* “
Ghent, N. Y.—
**First*.....Rensselaer
**Second*, Omi, N. Y.....“
**Gibbsville*, Wis.....Wisconsin
**Gifford's*, N. Y., *Princeton*..Schenect'y
**Gilboa*, N. Y.....Schoharie
Gingee, India.....Arcot
†**Glasco*, N. Y., *Flatbush*.....Ulster
†**Glen*, N. Y.....Montgomery
†**Glenham*, N. Y.....Poughkeepsie
Glen Rock, Ridgewood, N. J.,
(*C. E. Church*, No. 14).....Paramus
Glenville, N. Y.—
**First*.....Schenectady
**Second*, Scotia.....“
Gnanodiam, India.....Arcot
Goodland, Ind.....Wisconsin
Graafschap, Mich.....Holland
Grace, New York City, N. Y..New York
Grace Chapel, Flatbush, N. Y.,
South Long Island

**Grahamsville*, N. Y., *Claraella*..Orange
Unionville.....“
Grand Gorge, *Prattsville*, N. Y..Schoharie
Grand Haven, Mich.—
**First*.....Grand River
**Second*.....Michigan
Grand Rapids, Mich.—
†**Bethany (C. E. Church*, No. 4)....Mich
†**First*, Fountain St.....Mich
**Second*, Bostwick St.....Grand River
**Third*, Diamond St.....“
**Fourth*, North Ionia St....“
**Fifth*, Carpenter St.....“
Oakdale Park, Adams St.. “
†**Seventh*, Jeanette St.....“
Eighth.....“
**Ninth*, Clyde Park Ave. (*C. E.*
Church, No. 7).....“
†**Grace*.....Michigan
**Grandville*, Mich.....Grand River
**Grand View*, Armour, S. D.....Dakota
Gravesend (Brooklyn, N. Y.)..South L. I.
Greensburg, Elmford, N. Y., Westchester
**Greenbush*, N. Y., East Greenbush,
Rensselaer
Greenbush, Wis.....Wisconsin
†*Greendale*, N. Y., *Greenport*....Hudson
**Greenleafston*, Minn.....Wisconsin
Greenpoint, B'klyn, N. Y., S. Long Island
Greenport, Greendale, N. Y.....Hudson
Greenville, Jersey City, N. J..So. Bergen
Greenville, Scarsdale, N. Y., Westchester
**Greenwich*, N. Y.....Saratoga
Greenwood Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
South Long Island
†**Griggstown*, N. J.....New Brunswick
Grove Ch., New Durham, N. J...Bergen
Guilderland Center, N. Y.—
**Helderberg*.....Schenectady
***Guilford*, Libertyville, N. Y...Kingston
†**Guttenberg*, N. J.....Bergen

Hackensack, N. J.—
†***First*.....Bergen
**Second*.....“
**Third*.....“
**Hagaman*, N. Y.....Montgomery
Hamilton, Mich.....Holland
Hamilton Grange, N. Y. City..New Yor
**Harlingen*, N. J.....Philadelph
Harrison, S. D.....Dako
Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.....Berg
Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y..Westche
Hawthorne, N. J.....Para
**Havana*, Ill.....Ill
Heeleyton, Wis., *Franklin*....Wisc
Helderberg, *Guilderland Center*, N.
Schene

CHURCH.	CLASSIS.	CHURCH.	CLASSIS.
Henderson, N. Y.....	Montgomery	†*South Bergen "	South Bergen
†*Herkimer, N. Y.....	"	†*Central Avenue.....	Bergen
†*Hicksville, L. I.....	North Long Island	†*Free, Grand St.....	South Bergen
*High Bridge, N. J.....	Raritan	†*Greenville, Ocean Ave....	"
*High Bridge, New York City.	New York	German Evangelical, First,	
*Highlands, N. J.....	Monmouth	Mercer St.....	South Bergen
†*High Falls, N. Y., Close.....	Kingston	†*Hudson City, Second, Hudson	
Highland Park, New Brunswick,		Ave.....	South Bergen
N. J.....	New Brunswick	†*Lafayette, Communipaw Ave.,	
Ellenborough, Millstone, N. J.,	"	South Bergen	
Hingham, Wis.....	Wisconsin	†*Park, E. Hamilton Pl....	"
Hoboken, N. J.—		*St. John's German Evangelical,	
**First, Hudson St.....	Bergen	Fairview Ave.....	South Bergen
*German Evangelical, Columbia St.,	"	Third Bayonne, New York Ave.,	
Holland, Mich.—		South Bergen	
*First.....	Holland	†*Wayne St.....	"
*Third.....	"	Jerusalem, N. Y., *First.....	Albany
Ebenezer.....	"	" " Union.....	"
†*Hope.....	Michigan	†*Johnstown, N. Y. (C. E. Church,	
Fourth.....	Holland	No. 3)... ..	Montgomery
Holland, Minn., Churchville.....	Iowa	Kalamazoo, Mich.—	
*Holland, Neb.....	Iowa	*First.....	Grand River
*Holland, N. J.....	Monmouth	*Second.....	Michigan
Hooker, S. D., Van den Berg....	Dakota	Third.....	Grand River
Hope, Westfield, N. D.....	"	Fourth.....	"
Hope, Holland, Mich.....	Michigan	Twin Lakes.....	"
Hope, Sheboygan, Wis.....	Wisconsin	Kandiputtur, India.....	Arcot
Hope, George, Ia....	Pleasant Prairie	Katpadi, India	"
Hopewell Junction, N. Y....	Poughkeepsie	*Katsbaan, N. Y.....	Ulster
Hospers, Iowa.....	Iowa	Kenosha, Wis.....	Wisconsin
Howard Prairie, Wis.....	Wisconsin	*Kerhonkson, N. Y.....	Orange
†Hawe's Cave, N. Y....	Schoharie	†*Keyport, N. J.....	Monmouth
Haguenots, Sea Side, S. I..	New York	†*Kinderhook, N. Y.....	Rensselaer
†*Hudson, N. Y.....	Hudson	Kings, Ill., Elm.....	Pleasant Prairie
Hudson City, Jersey City, N. J.,	S. Bergen	Kingston, N. Y.—	
Hull, N. D....	Dakota	†*First.....	Ulster
Hull, Ia.....	Iowa	†*Fair Street.....	Kingston
*Hurley, N. Y.....	Kingston	| Comforter.....	Ulster
†*Hyde Park, N. Y.....	Poughkeepsie	*Kiskatom, N. Y	Greene
Immanuel, Perkins, S. D.....	Dakota	*Knox, N. Y.....	Albany
Ingraham's Mills, N. Y.—		Kolapakam, India.....	Arcot
Manheim.....	Montgomery	Koster, Ill.....	Wisconsin
†*Irvington, N. J.....	Newark	Kottapalli, India.....	Arcot
Irving Park, Chicago, Ill.....	Illinois	*Kripplebush, N. Y., Lyonsville.	Kingston
Jamaica, L. I.—		*Krumville, N. Y.....	"
†**First... ..	North Long Island	Lafayette, Ind.....	Wisconsin
*German Evangelical, " "	"	Lafayette, Jersey City, N. J..	So. Bergen
Jamestown 1st, Forest Grove, Mich.,		Lansing, Ill.....	Wisconsin
Holland		Lawyersville, N. Y.....	Schoharie
Jamestown, 2d, Jamestown, Mich.,	"	***††Lebanon, N. J.....	Raritan
Jamestown Centre, Mich.....	"	*Leeds, N. Y.....	Greene
Jay Gould Memorial, Roxbury, N. Y.,		Leighton, Iowa, Ebenezer (C. E.	
Ulster		Church, No. 13).....	Illinois
Jersey City, N. J.—		Le Mars, Iowa (C. E. Church, No. 5),	
†*Bergen, Bergen Ave.....	South Bergen	Iowa	

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

Lennox, S. D.—
First.....Dakota
Second.....“
Third, Delaware.....“
 Leota, Minn. (*Bethel, C. E. Ch. No 1*),
 Iowa
 Libertyville, N. Y., *Gulford*...Kingston
 Linden, N. J.....Newark
 **Linlithgo*, Livingston, N. Y.....Hudson
Livingston, **Linlithgo*, N. Y.....“
 **Lisha's Kill*, N. Y.....Schenectady
 Little Falls, N. J.—
 †**First*.....Passaic
Second, Holland.....“
 Little Rock, Ia., *Salem*..Pleasant Prairie
 †**Locust Valley*, L. I..North Long Island
 Lodi, N. J.—
First, Holland.....Paramus
 **Second*.....“
 †**Lodi*, N. Y.....Rochester
 **Long Branch*, N. J.....Monmouth
 Long Island City, N. Y..N. Long Island
 †**First, Academy St*.....“
 Sunnyside, Buckley st. (*C. E.*
Church, No. 12).....“
 Lucas, Mich, *Rehoboth*.....,Grand River
 **Luctor*, Kan.....Iowa
Lyonsville, Kripplebush, N. Y..Kingston

 †**Macon*, Mich.....Michigan
 †***Madanapalle*, India.....Arcot
 **Mahwah*, N. J., *Ramapo*.....Paramus
 **Malcolm, Tyre*, N. Y.....Rochester
Mamakating, Wurtsboro, N. Y...Orange
Manayunk, Phila., Pa.....Philadelphia
Manhasset, L. I.—
 **North Hempstead*...North Long Island
Manheim, Ingham Mills, N. Y.
 Montgomery
 Manito, Ill.—
 **First*.....Illinois
 ††**Spring Lake*.....“
 Maple Lake, Ia.....Iowa
 Mapletown, N. Y.....Montgomery
Marbletown, Stone Ridge, N.Y.Kingston
 “ North “ “
 **Marion*, N, Y..... Rochester
 Marion, S. D.—
Sandham Memorial.....Dakota
 Marlboro, N. J., *First, Freehold*,
 Monmouth
 Marutuvambadi, India.....Arcot
 **Maurice*, Iowa.....Iowa
 †**Mellenville*, N. Y.....Hudson
Melrose, New York City....Westchester
 **Metuchen*, N. J.....New Brunswick

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

†**Middleburgh*, N. Y.....Schoharie
 Middleburgh, Iowa, *Fres Grace*....Iowa
 **Middlebush*, N. J.....New Brunswick
 **Middletown*, N. J.....Monmouth
 **Millbrook*, N. Y.....Poughkeepsie
 Millstone, N. J.—
 **Hillsborough*.....New Brunswick
 **Milwaukee*, Wis.....Wisconsin
 Minaville, N. Y.—
 **Florida*.....Montgomery
Minnisink, Montague, N. Y.....Orange
 Moddersville, Mich....Grand River
 **Mohawk*, N. Y.....Montgomery
 Monroe, Iowa.....Pleasant Prairie
 Monroe, S. D. (*C. E. Church*,
 No. 15).....“
 **Montclair Heights*.....Newark
 Montague, N. Y., *Minnisink*....Orange
 **Montgomery*, N. Y.....“
 Montrose, N. Y.—
 **Corlandtown*.....Westchester
 †**Montville*, N.J.....Passaic
 Morrison, Ill., *Edenzer (C. E. Church*,
 No. 10).....Wisconsin
Mott Haven, N, Y. City.....New York
Mont Pleasant, Schenectady, N. Y.
 Schenectady
 **Mount Ross*, N. Y., *Gallatin*....Hudson
 †**Mount Vernon*, N. Y.....Westchester
 **Multzeskill*, N. Y., *Schodack*..Rensselaer
 Muscatine, Iowa.....Iowa
 Muskegon, Mich.—
 **First*.....Grand River
 **Second (C. E. Church, No. 8)*..Michigan

 **Narasinganur*, India.....Arcot
 **Nassau*, N. Y.....Rensselaer
Napanoch, Warwarsing, N. Y.....Orange
 Naumburg, N. Y.....Montgomery
 Neperan, N. Y., *Unionville*. Westchester
 **Neshanic*, N. J.....Philadelphia
 Newark, N. J.—
 **First, Johnson Ave*.....Newark
 **Christ, Belleville Ave*.....“
 ††**Clinton Ave*.....“
 ††**New York Avenue*.....“
 ***North, Broad St*.....“
 ††**Trinity, Ferry St*.....“
 West, Blum St.....“
 Newark, N. Y., *Arcadia*.....Rochester
 **Newburg*, N. Y.....Orange
 **New Baltimore*, N. Y.....Albany
 New Bremen, N. Y.....Montgomery
 New Brighton, S. I.—
 †**Brighton Heights*.....New York
New Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 South Long Island

CHURCH.	CLASSIS.	CHURCH.	CLASSIS.
New Brunswick, N. J.—		*† <i>Melrose</i> , Elton Ave.....	Westchester
†* <i>First</i> , Nelson St.....	New Brunswick	†* <i>Mott Haven</i>	New York
* <i>Second</i> , George St....	"	North Ch, Chapel, Fulton St.	"
Third, Gulden St....	"	* <i>Prospect Hill</i> , Park Ave....	"
†* <i>Highland Park</i>	"	Sixty-eighth St., near 1st Av.	"
* <i>Suydam St</i>	"	South Church, Madison Ave.	"
*New Concord, N.Y.....	Rensselaer	St. Paul's, E 148th St.....	"
||†*†New Durham, <i>Grove Ch</i> , N.J.	Bergen	†* <i>Staten Island</i> , Port Richmond	"
New Era, Mich....	Grand River	†* <i>Thirty-fourth Street</i> (near	"
*New Hackensack, N. Y....	Poughkeepsie	Elghth Ave.).....	"
New Holland, Mich.—		* <i>University Heights</i> , West	"
* <i>North, Holland</i>	Holland	185th St.....	"
**New Hurley, N. Y	Orange	†* <i>Vermilye Chapel</i> , Tenth Ave	"
*New Hyde Park, L. I....	S. Long Island	| <i>West Farms</i> , Boston Road,	Westchester
*Newkirk, Iowa.....	Iowa	Yorkville, 84th St.....	New York
New Lots, B'klyn, N. Y....	S. Long Island	New York Mills, N. Y.....	Rochester
New Prospect, Pine Bush, N. Y..	Orange	†* <i>Niskayuna</i> , N. Y.....	Schenectady
†*New Paltz, N. Y.....	Kingston	North Bergen, Weehawken, N.J..	Bergen
New Salem, N. Y.....	Albany	North Branch, N. J.....	Raritan
Newtown, N. Y.—		North Blenheim, N. Y.—	
†** <i>First</i>	N. Long Island	* <i>First</i>	Schoharie
German Evangelical..	"	* <i>Breakabeen</i>	"
New Utrecht, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	South Long Island	North Hempstead, Manhasset,	
New York City.—		L. I.....	North Long Island
Anderson Mem'l, Bathgate Av.	New York	North and South Hampton,	
* <i>Avenue B</i> , German Ev.....	"	Churchville, Pa.....	Philadelphia
†* <i>Belmont</i>	Westchester	North Holland; New Holland,	
BETHANY MEM'L.....	New York	Mich.....	Holland
* <i>Bloomington</i> , Boulevard....	"	Northumberland, Bacon Hill,	
Brighton Heights, Staten Island	"	N. Y.....	Saratoga
* <i>Church of the Comforter</i> , 162d		North Sibley, Iowa.....	Pleasant Prairie
St. and Morris Ave.....	New York	Northwestern, Chicago, Ill.....	Illinois
| <i>Collegiate</i> , Middle, 2d Ave		Norwood Park, Chicago, Ill.....	"
and 7th St.....	"	Nutley, N. J., <i>Franklin</i>	Newark
Collegiate, *† <i>Marble</i> , 5th Ave		†* <i>Nyack</i> , N. Y.....	Paramus
and 29th St..	"	Oakdale Park, Grand Rapids,	
" 5th Av. & 48th St.	"	Grand River	
" West End.....	"	Oakland, Mich., <i>East Overisel</i> ..	Holland
Collegiate, †* <i>Harlem</i> , E. 121st St.	"	*Oakland, N. J., <i>Ponds</i>	Passaic
" †* " Lenox Av.	"	Ocean Hill, Brooklyn,	
* <i>De Witt Chapel</i> , W. 29th St.	"	N. Y.....	So. Long Island
* <i>Fordham</i> , Kingsbridge Road,	Westchester	Olive Leaf, Wakonda, S. D.....	Dakota
†* <i>Fourth Ger.</i> , W. 40th St.....	New York	Oml, N. Y., 2d Ghent.....	Rensselaer
German Ev., E. Houston St.	"	Onesquethaw, Clarksville,	
** <i>Grace</i> , Seventh Ave.....	"	N. Y.....	Albany
†* <i>Hamilton Grange</i> , W. 145th St	"	Ontario, N. Y.....	Rochester
†* <i>High Bridge</i> , Ogden Ave...	"	*Oostburg, Wis.....	Wisconsin
Holland, W. 11th St.....	"	*Oradell, N. J.....	Bergen
Huguenots, Staten Island...	"	Orange, East Orange, N. J.....	Newark
* <i>Knox Memorial Chapel</i> 514		Orange City, Iowa.—	
Ninth Ave.....	New York	* <i>First</i>	Iowa
Kreischerville, Staten Island	"	* <i>American</i>	Dakota
**†† <i>Madison Ave.</i> , c. 57th St.	"	Orattur, India... ..	Arcot
* <i>Manor Chapel</i> , W. 26th St..	"	Oregon, Ill., <i>Ebenezer</i>	Pleasant Prairie

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

Otley, Iowa.....Illinois
†*Owasco, N. Y.....Montgomery
*Owasco Outlet, N. Y....."
*Overisel, Mich.....Holland
Oyster Bay, Brookville,
L. I.....North Long Island

Palisades, Fort Lee, N. J.....Bergen
Palmyra, N. Y.....Rochester
*Palmaner, India.....Arcot
*Palsville, Ia., *Emanuel*..Pleasant Prairie
Paramus, Ridgwood, N. J.....Paramus
Parkersburg, Fern, Ia...Pleasant Prairie
Park Ch., Jersey City, N. J..So. Bergen
Park Hl, Yonkers, N. Y...Westchester
*Park Ridge, N. J., *Passaic*.....Paramus
Passaic, Park Ridge, N. J..... "
Passaic, N. J.—
†**Aquachanock*.....Paramus
Holland....."
†**North*....."
Paterson, N. J.—
†**Broadway, Broadway*.....Paramus
First Holland, Clinton St..... "
†**North*....."
Sixth, Holland, Goodwin St...Passaic
Peoples Park....."
**Riverside, River St.....* "
†**First, Totowa, Division Ave..* "
**Second, Totowa, Temple St..Paramus*
Union, Holland, Auburn St....Passaic
Pattersonville, N. Y.—
**Rotterdam, First*.....Schenectady
*Peapack, N. J.....Raritan
†*Peekskill, N. Y.....Westchester
Pekin, Ill.—
First.....Illinois
**Second*.....Illinois
Pella, Iowa,—
**First*.....Iowa
†**Second*.....Illinois
Third.....Iowa
Fourth....."
**Bethel*.....Illinois
Otley....."
Pella, Neb.....Iowa
*Peoria, Ill.....Pleasant Prairie
Peoples Park, Paterson, N. J....Passaic
Perkins, S. D., *Immanuel*.....Dakota
Philadelphia.—
**First, Spring Garden St...* Phila.
**Second, Seventh St.....* "
†**Fourth, Manayunk, Pechin St....* "
**Fifth, E. Susquehanna Ave.....* "
South, Lingo St..... "
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Ave., Roxborough....."

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

*†Philmont, N. Y.....Hudson
†*Piermont, N. Y.....Paramus
**Pine Bush, N. Y., *New Prospect*..Orange
Plattekill, Cockburn, N. Y.....Ulster
Plainfield, N. J.—
**German*.....Newark
†**Trinity*....."
†Platts, *Charles Mfr, S. D.....Dakota*
Point Rock, West Leyden, N. Y.,
Montgomery
†**†Pompton, N. J.....Passaic
†**Pompton Plains, N. J....."
Ponds, Oakland....."
*Port Ewen, N. Y.....Ulster
†*Port Jervis, N. Y., *Deerpark*....Orange
" " *Second*....."
Port Richmond, N. Y. City....New York
*Pottersville, N. J.....Raritan
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—
First.....Poughkeepsie
†**Second*....."
Prattsville, N. Y.....Schenectady
" " *Grand Gorge* "
Prinsburg, Minn., *Roseland*.....Iowa
*Preakness, N. J.....Passaic
Princeton, Gifford's, N. Y.Schenectady
Prospect Hill, N. Y. City.....New York
Palmeyville, N. Y.....Rochester
*Queens, L. I.....North Long Island
Ramapo, Mahwah, N. J.....Passaic
Ramsey, German Valley, Iowa,
Pleasant Prairie
Ramsay's, N. J.....Paramus
Randolph Center, Wis.....Wisconsin
Raritan, First, Somerville, N. J..Raritan
" *Second,* " " "
" *Fourth,* " " "
†*Raritan, N. J., *Third*....."
*Raritan, Ill.....Illinois
Rehoboth, Lucas, Mich.....Grand River
*Readington, N. J.....Raritan
†**Reynolds, N. Y., *Schaghticoke,*
Saratoga
*Rhinebeck, N. Y... Poughkeepsie
*Richboro, Pa., *Addisville*....Philadelphia
Ridgefield, N. J.—
English Neighborhood.....Bergen
Ridgewood, N. J.—
†**First*.....Paramus
**Paramus*....."
Glen Rock....."
Ridgewood, L. I.....South Long Island
Rifton Glen, N. Y.—
Dashville Falls.....Kingston
Riverside, Paterson, N. J.....Passaic
Rochester, N. Y.—
**First*.....Rochester

CHURCH.

CLASSIS.

- †**Second*.....Rochester
Rochester, Accord, N. Y.....Kingston
Rockaway, White House Station,
 N. J.Raritan
Rock Valley, Iowa.....Iowa
 **Rocky Hill*, N. J.....Philadelphia
Roseland, First, Chicago, Ill...Wisconsin
Roseland, Bethany, " " "
Roseland, Prinsburg, Minn.....Iowa
 **Rosendale*, N. Y., *First*.....Kingston
Rosendale Plains, N. Y.Kingston
Rotterdam, Dispatch, Kan.....Iowa
Rotterdam, First, Pattersonville,
 N. Y.Schenectady
Rotterdam, Second, Schenectady,
 N. Y.....Schenectady
 **Roxbury*, N. Y., *Jay Gould Memorial*,
 Ulster
 **Saddle River*, N. J.....Paramus
 †**St. Johnsville*, N. Y.....Montgomery
St. John's, Jersey City, N. J...S. Bergen
St. Paul's, N. Y. City.....New York
St. Peter's, Kreischerville, S. I., "
 **St. Remy*, N. Y.....Kingston
St. Thomas, W. I...., South Long Island
 **Salem*, S. D.....Dakota
Salem, Little Rock, Ia..... "
Sandham Memorial, Monroe, S. D.. "
Saratoga, Schuylerville, N. Y....Saratoga
Sattambadi, India.....Arcot
Saugatuck, Mich.....Holland
 **Saugerties*, N. Y.....Ulster
 †**Sayville*, N. Y.....North Long Island
Scarsdale, N. Y., **Greenville*.. Westchester
Schaghticoke, Reynolds, N. Y....Saratoga
Schenectady, N. Y.—
 †**First*.....Schenectady
 †**Second*.....Schenectady
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 **Schuylerville*, N. Y., *Saratoga*, Saratoga
 Scotia, N. Y.—
Glenville, Second.....Schenectady
Scotland, S. D., *Ebenezer*.....Dakota
 **Secaucus*, N. J.....Bergen
Sekadu, India.....Arcot
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 **Sharon Center*, N. Y.....Schoharie
 †****Shawungunk*, Bruynswick, N. Y.
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CLASSIS.

- Sheldon*, Ia. (C. E. Church, No. 9)..Iowa
 **Shokan*, N. Y.....Ulster
Silver Creek, Ill....., Pleasant Prairie
Silver Creek, Minn.....Iowa
 **Sioux Center*, Iowa. *First*.....Iowa
 " " *HOLLAND*.....Dakota
 †**Sioux Falls*, S. D..... "
Six Mile Run, Franklin Park, N. J.
 New Brunswick
Somerville, N. J.—
 †**Raritan, First*.....Raritan
 †* " *Second*..... "
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 †**South Bend*, Ind.....Michigan
South Bergen, Jersey City, N. J...Bergen
South Blendon, Mich.....Holland
South Bushwick, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 North Long Island
 **South Branch*, N. J.....Raritan
South Fallsburg, N. R., *Fallsburg*,
 Orange
 **South Gilboa*, N. Y.....Schoharie
South Haven, Mich.....Grand River
South Holland, Ill...Wisconsin
South Little Rock, Ia....Pleasant Prairie
 **South Macon*, Mich.....Michigan
 **Sprakers*, N. Y.....Montgomery
 †**Spring Lake*, Mich.....Grand River
Spring Lake, Manito, Ill.....Illinois
 **Spring Valley*, N. Y.....Paramus
Spring Valley, N. J.....Bergen
 †**Spotswood*, N. J.....Monmouth
 **Stanton*, N. J.....Philadelphia
Staten Island, N. Y. City.....New York
 †**Steinway*, L. I.....North Long Island
Stewartsville, West Hurley, N. Y. Ulster
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Ghent, Second.....Rensselaer
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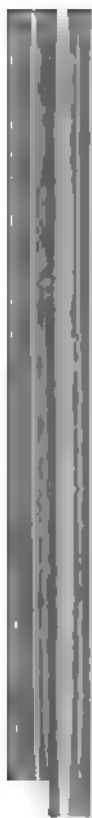
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REPORT.

of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The General Synod's Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, N. J., respectfully present their

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

Organization.

At the adjournment of the General Synod in 1898, the Committee consisted of David Murray, Matthew Suydam, Joseph S. Mundy, Henry

Hoagland, Frederick T. Kirk, and the members of the Faculty. On September 21, 1898, the Reverend David D. Demarest, D.D., LL.D., died. On September 27, 1898, the Reverend John H. Gillespie, D.D., became a member of the Committee. December 1, 1898, the Reverend John G. Rising, D.D., resigning his professorship, withdrew from the Committee. February 20, 1899, death again visited us, taking from us Mr. Frederick T. Kirk.

Until his death, Mr. Kirk acted as Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee, and thereafter, Dr. David Murray has performed the duties of these offices. Professor Searle has been the President of the Committee throughout the year. Messrs. Suydam and Hoagland have constituted the Sub-Committee on Grounds and Property; Drs. Murray and Gillespie, that on the Relation of Students to Hertzog Hall; and Mr. Murray, President and Treasurer, that on Finances.

Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

The Superintendent, Mr. Philip Case, continued in the exercise of his duties until May 1st, 1899, when he withdrew to engage in business,

his place was taken by Mr. J. A. Schwenger, a member of the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick. The withdrawal of Mr. Case has been a source of regret to the Committee, which has highly appreciated his courteous and efficient discharge of the important responsibilities devolved upon him.

From the Superintendent's report it appears that fifty-six students have been occupants of rooms in the Hall, of whom thirty-three were in the Seminary, and twenty-three were in the College. The health of the students has been uniformly good.

Through the earnest efforts of the students in the Society of Inquiry and the generosity of a number of friends, a piano has been placed in the Chapel, adding a much needed aid to Seminary services and to the musical training of the students. Another highly appreciated gift has been that of forty copies of the "Church Hymnary" through Mr. F. D. Bodruff.

A severe windstorm in the Autumn caused considerable injury to the building. This has been repaired, but has drawn heavily upon the already cramped resources of the Committee available for the care of

the Hall, and has prevented other needed and contemplated improvements.

The furnishing of the students' rooms, reported last year as in bad condition, has been in no degree improved, owing to the lack of funds. The Committee have hopes, however, of making a somewhat different report on this matter a year hence.

In our judgment additional fire protection should be provided for this Hall, and a kitchen should be built, so located with reference to the building as not to obtain ventilation through the corridors and the students' rooms.

James Suydam Hall.

The boiler in this building has been replaced during the year without exceeding the funds available for the care of the Hall.

Professor Gillespie has been appointed custodian of the two museums.

Gardner A. Sage Library.

The efficient Librarian, Dr. John C. Van Dyke, after nearly twenty-one years of uninterrupted service, was compelled to ask, on account of health, for a leave of absence from March 1st to the end of the year. This was granted, and the Committee are glad to report that his complete restoration to health seems now assured.

By action of the Committee, Professor Searle became Acting Librarian without salary. Through the assistance of the Rev. A. D. Campbell, and Mr. C. P. Case of the Middle Class, the Library has been open the full number of hours.

From the report of the Acting Librarian it appears that 457 volumes have been added to the Library by purchase and 58 volumes and 125 pamphlets by donation. There are now 44,096 books and 8,007 pamphlets on the shelves. The Rev. Dr. J. B. Thompson, as heretofore, has been a generous donor.

In anticipation of some measure of aid from the Special Committee on Seminary Finances, the Standing Committee has made needed repairs to the roof of the building and to the heating apparatus.

The increasingly crowded condition of the shelves, the larger number of visitors, and the fact that the building contains only one room for readers, students, and administration, make it exceedingly important that there should be an addition to the building. We venture to repeat the statement of last year: "The Committee will welcome such an addition if it can be procured, and if it comes *properly endowed*."

Grounds and Property.

Synod's Special Committee on Seminary Finances has through the Board of Direction paid the paving assessment reported last year as about to be made, and there are now no charges of the kind against the

Synod's property. The connection of the buildings with the new sewer has been begun, as has also the putting of the roadways in the Campus in a state of thorough repair. Other anticipated demands upon the small income which can be used for these purposes, which demands will be imperative when they come, make necessary the carrying of a balance from year to year in the Buildings and Grounds Fund, and a very cautious procedure in the most important repairs and improvements.

In connection with the statement above as to roads, the Committee make grateful mention of the gift of a number of Belgian blocks, by Hon. Andrew Kirkpatrick and Mr. Edward Spaeth of Newark.

The Committee's Finances.

The appreciated aid given through the Special Committee on Seminary Finances has alone enabled the Standing Committee to *preserve* the property of General Synod so far as externals are concerned, without incurring any new debt. But this aid has not yet reached a measure which will enable us to care for this property as it has been cared for, as it deserves, and as the credit of the Church demands. Nor has this aid been sufficient to wipe out entirely the Sage Library Maintenance debt, reported last year as being carried by the Librarian, nor to prevent the beginnings of a debt in connection with the maintenance of Hertzog Hall. It will take \$2,000 a year, or the interest of \$50,000 at the rates likely to prevail, in addition to our present resources, properly to administer the trust imposed upon us. This addition would give us less than \$200 more than the annual income the Committee once received, when the buildings were newer and when there was one less than at present to be cared for. We therefore respectfully but earnestly request, in the interest of the Institution and its students, and in the interest of the General Synod itself as owner of the splendid property provided by a past generation, that the efforts begun for the relief and improvement of the Seminary finances be continued and increased.

In Memoriam.

The Committee would report that the following action has been entered on our minutes in reference to the deaths already alluded to:

Under date of September 27, 1898.

THE REVEREND DAVID D. DEMAREST, D.D., LL.D.

The Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property, at this its first meeting since the death of Dr. Demarest, desires to put on record a minute appreciative of his character and services and of sorrow for his death. Descended from Huguenot ancestry, nurtured in the pious doctrines and traditions of the Reformed Church, he spent a long and useful life in promoting the interests of that religion which he profoundly believed and which in his life he habitually exemplified. In 1865 he entered the service of the Seminary, as Professor of Pastoral

Theology, and since that time down to the last of his life he continued to enrich his successive classes with the treasures of his learning and with the varied experiences of his life. In the performance of his administrative duties which here fell to his lot, this Committee wishes to testify particularly to the efficiency and faithfulness of their deceased colleague. By the students who have come under his instruction, and by all who were associated with him in his busy life, he will be long held in loving and admiring remembrance.

Under date of February 22, 1899.

MR. FREDERICK T. KIRK.

Mr. Kirk entered this Committee in 1892, became its Secretary the same year, and performed the duties of this office until his death. He also succeeded his lamented father as Treasurer of the Committee in 1894, and with the exception of a single year acted in this capacity until his death. He was prompt, thorough, and efficient as an officer, and as a counsellor in the general work of the Committee, most judicious and helpful. And in addition to his valued services, we shall sadly miss Mr. Kirk the man, so unfailingly the Christian gentleman and the warm-hearted friend.

Conclusion.

The term of Dr. Murray expires this year.

It will also be necessary to choose a successor to the late Mr. Frederick T. Kirk, for his unexpired term.

For the Committee,

J. PRESTON SEARLE,

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America :

In compliance with the resolution of the General Synod, June, 1876, the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, New Jersey, hereby makes to the General Synod a full report of its financial affairs for the fiscal year ending May 1st, 1899.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

STANDING COMMITTEE on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in account with DAVID MURRAY, Treasurer :

1898	Dr.	
July 24	To cash paid Water Commissioners.....	\$30 00
31	John Garry, labor.....	88 75
	Charles Scribner's Sons, magazine.....	7 50
	Leonard Scott, magazine.....	4 05
	William Rowland, supplies.....	5 27
	Rolfe & Son, lumber.....	1 88
	A. T. Manlev, carpentry.....	27 73
August 2	Philip Case, salary.....	58 33
	James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
16	R. R. Outcalt.....	5 60
17	Runyon Brothers.....	9 03
	Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	10 18
28	J. C. Van Dyke, salary.....	250 00
	J. C. Van Dyke, books.....	48 61
	Skillman & Van Pelt.....	1 25
29	John Garry, labor.....	5 75
	P. J. Young, supplies.....	75
	Wm. S. Strong, supplies.....	8 98
	A. T. Manley, carpentry.....	2 88
	Peter Gottschalk.....	2 75
	Hugh McKeag, plumbing.....	88 61
July 2	Philip Case, salary.....	58 33
2	James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
14	Philip Case, cleaning.....	100 00
14	C. W. Russell, coal.....	140 05
14	Gas Light Company.....	122 08
August 1	Philip Case, salary.....	58 33
1	James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
7	S. M. Hess & Brother, fertilizer.....	13 20
30	Water Commissioners.....	12 46
October 2	Philip Case, salary.....	58 33
2	James Reiley, salary.....	54 16
30	University of Chicago, magazine.....	3 00
	Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	2 70
28	James T. White, books.....	10 00
	William H. Pette, painting.....	7 46

1898		Dr.	
Oct.	4	To cash paid Philip Case, salary.....	\$5
	4	James Reiley, salary.....	5
	10	Water Commissioners.....	1
	11	Water Commissioners.....	
	15	J. C. Van Dyke, salary and books.....	87
	17	Frank R. Van Nest, Treasurer, interest.....	7
		Haddon & Co., binding.....	25
		John Garry, labor.....	2
		C. J. Bergen, roofer.....	1
		Sebolt Bros., cleaning vaults.....	1
		Hugh McKeag, plumbing.....	8
		A. T. Manley, carpentry.....	4
		William S. Strong, supplies.....	
		William Rowland, supplies.....	1
	19	Baker Printing Co., Report.....	2
	26	Gas Light Co.....	4
		Harper & Brothers, magazine.....	
Nov.	1	Philip Case, salary.....	1
		James Reiley, salary.....	1
	2	Philip Case, for night watchman.....	1
		Adam Green, sewer pipe.....	1
	8	Dr. J. G. Lansing, relics.....	4
	9	Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	
		Presbyterian Quarterly.....	
		Macmillan Co., magazine.....	
	17	Penn. R. R., freight and cartage.....	1
		Board of Publication, books.....	2
	25	Palestine Exploration Fund.....	
Dec.	1	Philip Case, salary.....	1
		James Reiley, salary.....	1
		F. T. Kirk, expenses.....	10
1899			
Jan.	3	Philip Case, salary.....	1
		James Reiley, salary.....	1
	27	J. S. Mundy, boiler.....	38
Feb.	27	J. C. Van Dyke, salary.....	27
		Cheque book, stamped.....	
March	1	Philip Case, salary.....	1
	1	James Reiley, salary.....	1
April	3	Philip Case, salary (two months).....	10
	4	Board of Publication, books.....	
		Dodd, Mead & Co., Bookman, 2 yrs.....	
		Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, books.....	1
		Board of Publication, books.....	
		Egypt Exploration Fund.....	
		John Garry, labor.....	1
		Janeway & Co., wall paper.....	
		William Rowland, supplies.....	
		Skillman & Van Pelt.....	
		William S. Strong, supplies.....	1
		A. T. Manley, carpentry.....	
	5	James Reiley salary (two months).....	10
	7	William H. Pette, painting.....	1
	7	John Garry, labor.....	1
	7	John G. Gaston, supplies.....	1

899	Dr.	
ril 7	To cash paid C. W. Russell, coal.....	\$926 61
8	Water Commissioners.....	19 00
10	Water Commissioners.....	11 20
18	Frank R. Van Nest, Treasurer, interest.....	71 50
15	Board of Publication, books.....	133 64
19	W. R. Reed, subscription to periodicals.....	116 75
26	Board of Publication, books.....	123 81
29	Philip Case, salary (April).....	50 00
	James Reiley salary (April).....	54 16
28	Board of Publication, books.....	1 21
29	Hugh McKeag, plumbing.....	249 28
	A. T. Manley, carpentry.....	77 88
	P. Hendricks & Son, masonry.....	144 87
	Janeway & Co. wall paper.....	18 54
	William Rowland, supplies.....	2 82
	William Rust & Sons.....	10 18
	Water Commissioners.....	11 77
	Gas Light Co., to January 2nd.....	222 48
	Gas Light Co., to April 1st.....	192 60
	Balance on hand.....	1444 74
		<hr/> \$7952 54

1898		Cr.	
May 1	By balance as per last report.....		\$341 50
June 23	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For the maintenance of Hertzog Hall.....	75 00	
	For the repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	100 00	
	For the maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	100 00	
	For repairs, etc. of buildings and grounds.....	150 00	
	For repairs to professorial dwellings.....	50 00	
	For the maintenance of Sage Library.....	200 00	
	For the purchase of books for Sage Library.....	200 00	
May 21	For water rent of Dr. Woodbridge's house.....	14 22	
July 14	By cash from Board of Education:		
	For room rent of students.....	500 00	
Oct. 14	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For maintenance of Hertzog Hall.....	200 00	
	For repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	170 00	
	For maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	250 00	
	For repairs, etc. on buildings and grounds.....	200 00	
	For repairs to professorial dwellings.....	75 00	
	For maintenance of Sage Library.....	600 00	
	For purchase of books for Sage Library.....	300 00	
24	By cash for rebate on water rates.....	5 81	
1899			
Jan. 16	By cash from Board of Education:		
	For room rent of students.....	578 00	
Feb. 20	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	50 00	
	For maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	50 00	
	For repairs, etc. of buildings and grounds.....	50 00	
	For maintenance of Sage Library.....	250 00	
Mar 21	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For maintenance of Hertzog Hall.....	100 00	
	For maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	100 00	
	For purchase of books for Sage Library.....	500 00	
April 13	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For interest.....	71 50	
23	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	250 00	
	For repairs, etc. of buildings and grounds.....	250 00	
	For repairs to professorial dwellings.....	100 00	
	For purchase of books for Sage Library.....	1000 00	
29	By cash from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer:		
	For maintenance of Hertzog Hall.....	200 00	
	For repairs of Hertzog Hall.....	50 00	
	For maintenance of Suydam Hall.....	200 00	
	For repairs, etc. to buildings and grounds.....	200 00	
	For repairs, etc. to professorial dwellings.....	100 00	
	For maintenance of Sage Library.....	250 00	
			\$7952 34

Examined and found correct

MATTHEW SUYDAM.

H. W. HOAGLAND.

Committee.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N J., May 16th. 1899.

SUMMARY OF EACH TRUST ACCOUNT.

In Gross.

PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL, CURRENT EXPENSES.

Balance as per last report.....	\$46 30
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	575 00
Received from Board of Education.....	1,147 50
	<hr/> \$1,768 80
Expended since last report.....	2,116 88
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Overdrawn.....	\$348 08

MRS. ANN HERTZOG ENDOWMENT.

For the keeping in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

Balance as per last report.....	\$61 63
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	370 00
	<hr/> \$431 63
Expended since last report.....	243 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$188 63

JAMES SUYDAM ENDOWMENT.

For the maintenance and support of Suydam Hall.

Balance as per last report.....	\$47 54
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	950 00
	<hr/> \$997 54
Expended since last report.....	1,050 06
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Overdrawn.....	\$52 52

JAMES SUYDAM ENDOWMENT.

For repairs and improvements of buildings and grounds.

Balance as per last report.....	\$86 25
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	850 00
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	\$936 25
Expended since last report.....	582 96
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Balance unexpended.....	\$353 29

JAMES SUYDAM SPECIAL FUND.

For repairs of the Professorial Dwellings.

Balance as per last report.....	\$30 21
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	325 00
Received from Water Rents.....	22 04
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	\$377 25
Expended since last report.....	369 86
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Balance unexpended.....	\$7 39

GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

For the maintenance of the Sage Library.

Balance as per last report.....	\$20 10
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	1,371 50
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	\$1,391 60
Expended since last report.....	1,208 03
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Balance unexpended.....	\$183 57

GARDNER A. SAGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

For the purchase of books for the Sage Library.

Balance as per last report.....	\$49 47
Received from F. R. Van Nest, Treasurer.....	2,000 00
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	\$2,049 47
Expended since last report.....	937 01
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Balance unexpended.....	\$1,112 46

Examined and found correct.

MATTHEW SUYDAM,
H. W. HOAGLAND,
Committee.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 16th, 1899.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Report
of the
Board of Education, R. C. A.
to the
GENERAL SYNOD
at
CATSKILL, N. Y., JUNE, 1899.

In respectfully submitting to the General Synod its report for the year ending 30th April, 1899, the Board of Education makes the following remarks by way of

I. INTRODUCTION.

During the year the venerable elder, Mr. John L. Ryder, was removed by death from his work for the Church, and from his connection with the Board as one of its valued members who was deeply interested in its prosperity. The Board adopted a suitable paper which was recorded in its minutes.

The Board has faithfully endeavored to have the offerings of the Churches and friends reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars as recommended by the Synod at its meeting in June last. There has been a slight increase of the total in ordinary gifts; and the timely and generous New Year's gift of five thousand dollars by Mr. Ralph Voorhees for the Education fund swelled the amount re-

ceived at that date, so that the end was hopefully in view. Similar liberality on the part of a few of the Lord's stewards who have been entrusted with large means would have accomplished the result and made glad many hearts.

The Board is happy to state, as may be seen in the Report of the Treasurer, that during the year it paid on its indebtedness twenty five hundred dollars. There still remain four thousand and five hundred dollars of debt, an accumulation of shortages running back a quarter of a century or more. It is earnestly hoped that by special effort this during the coming year will be liquidated. The Board is anxious to be relieved of this burden.

The Board has also been able to donate to Hope College one thousand dollars from the Education Fund, and three hundred and fifty from the Parochial School Fund to the Preparatory Department ; and one thousand dollars, and three hundred from Parochial School Fund to Northwestern Academy. There have also been paid to Hope College two hundred and forty and 14-100 dollars, offerings from churches ; and to Northwestern Academy twenty dollars from churches, two hundred and eighty-seven dollars, special gifts per Rev. J. F. Zwemer, and fifty dollars on Endowment Fund from a friend. These sums have greatly relieved the pressure for means upon the Institutions, smoothed the running of the machinery, cheered the hearts and strengthened the hands of the workers ; still better things are hoped for during the year ending April 30th, 1900.

The Board has given special time, thought, discussion and consideration to its work for the future Ministry of the Churches, especially in what way larger means could be secured for the larger prosecution of its work. It is to be deplored greatly that a practical appreciation of this fundamental work is not, and never has been manifested generally in the church by gifts proportionate to its needs and its worth. Objections of various kinds have always been made, and are still, notwithstanding the testimony gathered from the experience and history of nearly seventy years. How such short-sighted objections are to be over-

come is a problem difficult of solution. The Board does its work on the lines drawn by the Synod in the most careful manner. Confidently it points to the fruits, in the number, character and life-work of its graduates; at least three out of five of the Ministers and Missionaries of the Church in Home and Foreign fields being sons of the Church thus aided in their preparation for service for the salvation of men and the glory of Jesus. A more positive and earnest co-operation by *all our churches* could not fail to correct mistaken views and increase the liberality of our people. Let the ability of the Board be weakened so that it must largely lessen the number of its students, and how soon would the old cry be raised anew concerning the scarcity of students in our Seminaries and of ministers and missionaries for the field which is the world. Can it be possible, really and truly a fact, that any Christian would prefer a smaller supply of ministers that there might be better opportunities for those in the harness?

Other denominations have to struggle with the same difficulties; more men to be educated than money for their education. Correspondence with different Boards proves this to be the case.

II. STUDENTS.

Fourteen students were received under the care of the Board during the year.

One was obliged to omit study for a year by economic reasons, and another by ill health.

Five were dropped on presentation of Faculty reports.

One resigned from the roll of beneficiaries.

Two entered the army, have returned and are expected to resume studies this coming fall.

Nine from Seminary at New Brunswick, and five from Western Seminary at Holland, Mich., graduated last May and entered upon their work in such fields as the Master indicated to them.

Reports have been received from the several Institutions in which our *ninety-four* students are now studying, as follows :

REPORT ON

Seminary at New Brunswick.....	32
“ at Holland, Mich.....	13
Rutgers College.....	13
Union University.....	1
Lafayette College.....	1
Hope College.....	24
Prepar. Depart. Hope College.....	3
Northwestern Academy.....	1
High School, Newark, N. J.....	1

Let it be noted, that none may be disappointed, that until further notice, no Grammar School students can be received.

III. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Three schools have been aided during the year. These report 76 pupils on the Roll, 57 average attendance, and fourteen dollars contributed for the Parochial School Fund.

One Pastor writes : “ During my ministry here *twenty-four* scholars of my Parochial School are now members of my Church and Young People’s society.”

Another says : “ An interesting fact is that about one-third of the pupils are of Jewish parentage.”

Another says : “ Our enterprise is young and growing. Our school gives promise of no little good ; of great help to the scholars and to the Church.”

IV. COLLEGE AND ACADEMIES.

The reports from Hope College and the Northwestern Academy will, without doubt, be laid before the Synod, giving full information of their work and needs.

The Board is informed that Pleasant Prairie College will D. V. be reopened as an Academy next fall. Let us wish and pray for it a prosperous future—permanency and increasing usefulness.

V. FINANCES.

The report of the Treasurer is hereto attached and made part of this report. According to it the total of

moneys received in offerings, repayments and bequest, is (\$12,733.36) twelve thousand, seven hundred and thirty-three 36-100 dollars. This sum has come from about an equal number of churches, individuals, etc., as last year.

Classical agents have been helpful. Some, with whom personal consultations have been held, have been, we know, very earnest and efficient. We are certain also from correspondence that some others have heartily and zealously sought to advance the interest of the people and Pastors in their respective Classes. Why will not every Classis appoint one of their number as Agent who as their representative may speak to the churches and confer with the Board? Some Brethren, we know, feel great delicacy and shrink from undertaking the work, even at request of the Board, without appointment by their Classis. A fresh reminder to such Classes by the General Synod may be helpful.

VI. NOMINATIONS.

The terms expire with this meeting of Synod of the following persons and their places are to be filled :

Rev. J. Elmendorf, D. D.	Mr. John S. Ryder (deceased)
" P. M. Doolittle.	" R. N. Perlee.
" D. H. Martin.	" David Masters.
" Alex. McKelvey.	" I. C. Haring, M.D.

The Board respectfully calls attention to the resolution of Synod that one half of those to be elected may be new members.

VII. CONCLUSIONS.

The Board sincerely and earnestly asks from all our ministers and people confidence, co-operation and sympathy. The work is the work of the Church for the Kingdom of its Lord. It is great in importance and influence, far greater than is realized by those not familiar with its details. We try to do it in the best way we can. We might do better with stronger recognition of the work, with intenser words of encouragement and more earnest co-operation.

The Board with utmost emphasis makes of you the request made by the great Apostle to the Gentiles : " Brethren, pray for us." Pray for the officers and members of the Board, for the students under its care, for all who instruct and influence by teaching and example, for the entire educational work of the Church in the East and the West, in weary China in its restlessness, in awakening India in its stumbling search for truth, and in eager, enthusiastic America in its haste and rush. To win the world for Jesus it must be thrilled by the touch of Christian Education. The darkened eyes must have the light, the light of God and immortality, of Jesus Christ and eternal life. To win this victory speedily, is not prayer the greatest power wielded by the Church? " BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US." Earnest prayer ensures confidence, sympathy, liberality.

Read and adopted and the usual number ordered printed and sent to the General Synod, at the meeting of the Board, held May 9th, 1899.

GILES H. MANDEVILLE,

Corresponding Secretary.

N.B.—The Board directed that the following instructive paper should be printed in connection with the Annual Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash Account for the Year Ending April 30, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand April 30, 1898.....		\$650 09
“ For Students' Special Fund.....	\$71 00	
“ “ Hope College Fund.....	76 88	
“ “ Northwestern Academy Fund.....	366 61	
“ “ Parochial School Fund Offerings..	\$14 00	
“ “ “ Bd. of Direction Interest	489 42	503 42 1,017 91
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“ From Churches.....	5,183 69	
“ “ Individuals.....	6,122 00	
“ “ Sunday Schools.....	172 85	
“ “ Y. P. S. C. E.....	59 80	
“ “ King's Daughters Ten Circle....	2 00	
“ “ Young Ladies' Soc'y.....	10 00	
“ “ Catechumens.....	14 66	
“ “ Account Repayments.....	100 45	
“ “ Interest Permanent Fund.....	3,844 13	
“ “ “ Board of Direction.....	6,863 75	
“ “ Bequest.....	50 00	
“ “ Loan.....	800 00	22,723 33
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		23,741 24
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		\$24,391 33
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Cash Account for the Year Ending April 30, 1899.

PAYMENTS.

By Students' Special Fund.....	\$101 00	
“ Hope College Fund.....	240 14	
“ Northwestern Academy Fund.....	857 00	
“ Parochial School Fund, including \$350 00 to Hope College and \$300 00 to Northwest- ern Academy... ..	950 00	\$1,648 14
“ Interest Hope College, Letson Fund	50 00	
“ “ “ “ Jessup “	125 00	175 00
“ “ Northwestern Academy, Jessup Fund		125 00
“ “ to Individuals*.. ..		480 00
“ Hope College.....		1,000 00
“ Northwestern Academy.....		1,000 00
“ Hertzog Hall Room Rent.....		1,147 50
“ Board of Direction Rent.....		800 00
“ Corresponding Secretary, Salary.....		1,500 00
“ Treas. for Assistant during Cor. Sec'y's illness		200 00
“ Corresponding Sec'y and Students' Traveling Expenses.....		38 96
“ Box in Safety Vault.....		10 00
“ Board of Publication, postals, stamps, printing, stationery and Bank's charges for collect- ing Country Checks.....		220 82
“ Janitor.. ..		76 80
“ Mission Field.....		179 75
“ Loans.....		2,000 00
“ Students.....		11,042 26
“ Permanent Fund.....		500 00
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		19,941 09
“ Balance in Bank.....		2,802 10
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		\$24,391 88
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R. N. PERLEE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the report of the Treasurer, Mr. R. N. Perlee, of the several Funds in his hands and find them correct with balance of \$2,802.10 in Bank,

OSCAR G. RAFFERTY, *Auditor.*

*One hundred and seventy-five dollars of this sum paid to persons who have a life interest in the income.

REPORT ON

PERMANENT FUND.

1897.

May 1. By amount brought forward..... \$73,165 50

Memorandum—This fund has been raised by the following donations :

May 1, 1898.

1865	Charles Duzenbury.....	\$2,500 00
1872	Garret Kowenhoven.....	3,000 00
1872	Miss Mary Le Conte.....	3,000 00
1878	James Peters.....	3,325 00
1875	John V. L. Van Doren.....	5,833 00
1876	Miss Margaret E. Duryea....	5,000 00
1877	Jeremiah Fuller.....	3,007 50
1878	Miss Mary D. Schaffer	3,000 00
1878	Miss Mary M. Danser.....	3,000 00
1879	Rev. A. T. Stewart.....	3,000 00
1880	Rev. Joseph Scudder.....	1,000 00
1883	Brush Memorial Fund.....	3,000 00
1889	The Mrs. Cornelia A. and Miss Liddie R. Statesir Scholarship.	3,000 00
1890-2	"Berean" Scholarship.....	2,000 00
1891	Daniel P. Conover Scholarship.	3,000 00
1892	Isaac E. Bergen.....	2,000 00
1892	Thomas Jesup.	2,500 00
1894	Sarah Platt Remsen Scholarship	3,000 00
1894	Phebe A. Remsen "	3,000 00
1895	Asher Riley "	3,000 00
1895	Frederick Cook "	3,000 00

FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOPE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

1884	Kesiah Lansing Fund.....	2,000 00
1885	Johnson Letson Fund.....	1,000 00
1891	Rev. Wm. Brush Scholarship.	2,000 00
1892	Thomas Jesup... ..	2,500 00

FOR THE BENEFIT OF NORTHWESTERN ACADEMY.

1892	Thomas Jesup.....	2,500 00
		<u>\$73,165 50</u>

INVESTMENTS.

Mortgages.....	\$67,800 00
To cash certificates of Mercantile Trust Co.....	5,365 50
	<u>\$73,165 50</u>

R. N. PERLEE, *Treasurer.*

I certify that I have examined the Bonds and Mortgages and find same to be \$67,800.00 and the Cash Certificates of Deposits in Mercantile Trust Co. and found same to be \$5,365.50.

OSCAR J. RAFFERTY, *Auditor.*

INDIVIDUAL OFFERINGS.

Rev. H. V. S. Peeke, Japan.....	10 00
“ W. A. Shaw.....	10 00
“ H. Vander Ploeg.....	5 00
“ T. A. B. Family Tithe Box... ..	5 00
“ J. N. Jansen.	5 00
“ H. Huizinga, India.....	5 00
“ A. Stageman.....	5 00
“ P. De Jonge, a thank-offering.....	10 00
“ J. E. Bernart.....	5 00
“ S. W. Mills.....	10 00
Mrs. A. Oostérhof.....	5 00
Rev. J. S. Hogan.....	15 00
“ Isaac Sperling.....	5 00
“ Prof. H. D. B. Mulford.....	20 00
“ E. R. Atwater... ..	25 00
Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage.....	10 00
“ K. A. Lansing	5 00
“ C. A. Bogert... ..	4 00
“ Oscar Lyons.....	1 00
“ C. M. Hutchings... ..	3 00
“ Joseph Scudder.....	15 00
“ H. C. Bowman.....	5 00
“ Emma L. Blauvelt... ..	10 00
“ Henry Camerden.....	5 00
“ S. F. Ryley.....	10 00
“ A. B. J.....	6 00
Miss A. R. Slingerland... ..	20 00
“ M. L. Monroe.....	10 00
Absent Member.....	5 00
A Friend.. ..	5 00
A Friend.....	2 00
A Friend.....	700 00
Member of First Church, Philadelphia, Pa....	5 00
Easter Offering.....	2 00
A Friend.....	21 00
A Friend.....	22 00
A Friend.....	25 00
Members of Church, Kingston.....	25 00
A Friend.....	20 00
Mr. J. Boon.....	2 00
“ J. B. Wyckoff.....	8 00
“ R. Voorhees.....	5,000 00
Ebenezer Offering.....	
I. C. Haring, M.D.....	80 00
Mr. J. H. Schoon.....	1 00
Member of Church, New Utrecht.....	10 00

SYNOPSIS OF ACCOUNTS, APRIL 30, 1899.

Education Fund.

1898			
May 1	To balance brought forward.....	\$8,532 92	
1899			
April 30	" payments for year ending this date...	17,941 09	
"	By receipts " " " " "		21,928 38
"	" transfer from Security Account.....		2,500 00
"	" balance carried forward.....		2,050 68
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		26,474 01	26,474 01
1899			
May 1	To balance brought forward.....	2,050 68	

Students' Special Fund.

1898			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		65 36
1899			
April 30	" receipts for year ending this date....		71 00
"	To payments " " " " "	101 00	
"	" balance carried forward.....	85 36	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		186 36	186 36
1899			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		35 36

Hope College Fund.

1898			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		163 06
1899			
April 30	" receipts for year ending this date....		76 88
"	To payments " " " " "	240 14	
"	By balance carried forward.....		20
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		240 14	240 14
1899			
May 1	To balance brought forward.....	20	

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North Western Academy Fund.

1898			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		5 00
1899			
April 30	" receipts for year ending this date....		866 61
"	To payments " " " "	357 00	
"	" balance carried forward.....	14 61	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		871 61	871 61
1899			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		14 61

Pleasant Prairie College Fund.

1898	1899		
May 1	May 1 By balance brought forward....		100 00

Parochial School Fund.

1898			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		649 59
1899			
April 30	" receipts for year ending this date....		508 42
"	To payments " " " "	950 00	
"	" balance carried forward.....	203 01	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,153 01	1,153 01
1896			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		203 01

Loans.

1898			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		5,700 00
1899			
April 30	" receipts for year ending this date....		800 00
"	To payments " " " "	2,000 00	
"	" balance carried forward... ..	4,500 00	
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		6,500 00	6,500 00
1899			
May 1	By balance brought forward.....		4,500 00

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Security Fund.

1898

May 1	By balance brought forward.....		2,500 00
	To transfer to Education Fund.....	2,500 00	

Balance Sheet.

To Education Fund.....	2,050 68	
By Students' Special Fund.....		85 36
To Hope College Fund.....	20	
By Northwestern Academy Fund.....		14 61
" Parochial School Fund.....		208 01
" Pleasant Prairie College Fund.....		100 00
" Loans.....		4,500 00
" Permanent Fund.....		78,165 50
To investments.....	78,165 50	
" balance cash on hand.....	2,802 10	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	78,018 48	78,018 48

R. N. PERLEE, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX.

**History of the Board of Education
for the Past 25 Years.**

BY

F. S. SCHENCK, D.D.

The Board was organized in 1832 to foster the education of the Christian Ministry. In carrying on this work it has indirectly fostered the Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of our Church and has directly aided young men studying for the ministry.

Under its care more than 700 men have entered the ministry. It has also done an important work in fostering Hope College, the Western Theological Seminary and the Northwestern Academy. It has also gathered to itself a large Permanent Fund for the education of the Christian Ministry in the years to come.

How much of this work has been done in the last 25 years, what development has taken place and how the work to-day compares with that of 25 years ago deserve our careful consideration.

Mention should be made of three great steps in the advance of our Western Institutions which have been taken during the quarter of a century.

In 1878, our present Secretary being then President of Hope College and Pastor of the Harlem Church, \$43,000 was raised for Hope College and Theological Seminary, \$30,000 for the payment of the debt and \$13,000 added to the endowment of the College. While the Board cannot take the credit of that great work to itself it should give large credit to its present Secretary.

In 1897, President Kollen succeeded in raising \$100,000 for the further endowment of Hope College. In this case too the Board should give large credit to its Secretary for his suggestions and valuable influence in assisting President Kollen in his great work.

The partial endowment of the Western Theological Seminary has been accomplished, largely in the western part of the Church and through the efforts of Rev. J. F. Zwemer with the hearty sympathy of the Board.

In comparing the present with the past due notice should be taken of the prosperity which prevailed 25 years ago. Though our denomination has grown and the contributions to certain departments of its work have greatly enlarged in 25 years, still the remarkable statement must be made that it contributed more for benevolent and congregational purposes in 1872 than it did in 1898.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

1872.....	\$357,216
1898.....	331,600

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

1872.....	\$1,066,492
1898.....	1,005,876

The following table will bring before the eye at a glance the work of the Board for the quarter of a century as far as it can be revealed by figures :

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Year.	Am't rec.	Sts.	P'd sts.	P'd H-Col.	Pet. Fund
1873.....	\$14,019	74	\$9,712	3,600	3,325
1874.....	13,164	82	9,901	3,100	....
1875.....	12,615	76	10,733	3,200	5,833
1876.....	14,976	82	.....	1,500	5,000
1877.....	12,263	87	13,236	3,300	3,007
1878.....	11,299	83	13,023	2,400	6,000,
1879.....	8,741	79	12,405	2,850	3,000
1880.....	9,479	72	11,057	600	1,000
1881.....	9,107	63	8,975	1,200	....
1882.....	8,670	63	8,880	2,400	....
1883.....	7,515	66	9,089	2,750	3,000

Year.	A'mt rec.	Sts.	P'd sts.	P'd H-Col.	C. A.	Pet. Fund
1884.....	\$7,319	44	\$8,554	2,500	\$ . . . .	. . . .
1885.....	7,354	42	9,201	. . . .	1,433	. . . .
1886.....	7,175	53	. . . .	2,000	825	. . . .
1887.....	7,739	72	12,763	2,000	641	. . . .
1888.....	8,476	80	15,702	500	200	. . . .
1889.....	7,791	91	13,812	150	150	3,000
1890.....	6,984	93	12,462	437	98	2,000
1891.....	6,853	90	11,978	580	880	3,000
1892.....	7,191	103	12,420	80	180	4,500
1893.....	9,588	91	11,072	1,500	1,000	. . . .
1894.....	8,896	89	10,423	1,000	1,500	6,000
1895.....	7,021	106	11,118	1,325	1,200	6,000
1896.....	7,723	106	12,533	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
1897.....	6,515	110	14,484	400	250	. . . .
1898.....	6,337	102	12,769	12	7	. . . .

The office expenses in 1873 were \$5,100.

“ “ “ “ 1898 “ 2,498.

The table shows that the Permanent Fund is virtually the creation of these years. To the \$53,000 mentioned should be added \$10,000 given by the Board since 1884 for the benefit of Hope College and the Northwestern Academy. Making a total of \$63,000 of the present fund of \$73,165.50. The table shows the following noteworthy facts :

1. The number of students is larger by one-half of the number 25 years ago.

2. The amount of money received from Churches and individuals for the general work of the Board is less by one-half of that received 25 years ago.

3. With interest on the Permanent Fund \$73,000 at 5 per cent. added to the contribution of 1898 it would still fall over \$4,000 short of the contribution of 1873.

4. As the Permanent Fund has enlarged contributions have diminished.

5. With the increased Permanent Fund the support given to the students is less than it was 25 years ago.

6. Amounts paid Hope College, etc., have decreased. The earliest mention made of the number of Churches contributing to the Board was in 1880, 291 Churches. In 1898, 345 Churches contributed.

The present effort to increase the endowment of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick is being undertaken independently of the Board.

It only remains to compare the work of the Board with that of the Denomination generally and especially with that of the other Boards. The following table will serve this purpose :

DENOMINATION.

	1873.	1898.	Gain
Churches.....	481	633	152
Members.....	67,123	110,715	44,592
Benevolent Contributions..	\$ 276,839	\$331,600	\$54,761
			Loss
Congregational Cont's.....	1,057,430	1,005,876	51,554

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	1873.	1898.	Gain
Contributions.....	\$83,948	\$124,301	\$40,353
“ Churches....	.....	550	.....

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

	1873.	1898.	Gain
Contributions.....	\$36,182	\$84,690	\$48,508
“ Churches....	.....	570	.....

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

	1873.	1898.	Loss
Contributions.....	\$14,019	\$6,337	\$7,682
“ Churches....	.....	345	....

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

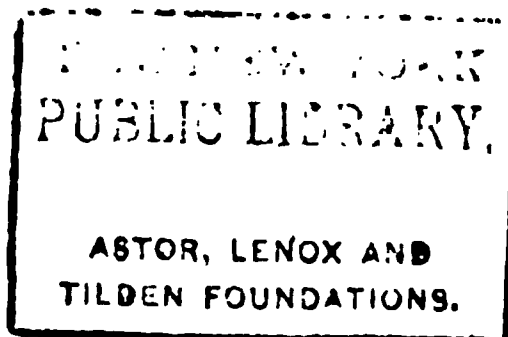
	1873.	1898.	Loss
Contributions.....	\$10,873	\$1,595	\$9,278
“ Churches....	.....	210	.....

Personal history is often of intense interest. One may muse upon it with profit, and may make the future better by reflecting upon the past. To this earnest purpose of the Board I have given the labor of preparing, upon its request, this brief history of a quarter of a century.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Report
OF THE
Board of Foreign Missions
OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA
AND
FORTY-SECOND OF SEPARATE ACTION
With the Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Reports of
Receipts For the Year ending April 30, 1899



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REPORT.

The work of the Board of Foreign Missions, both at home and abroad, has been characterized during the year by something more than the usual degree and variety of light and shade.

On the day succeeding his re-election by the Synod to membership in the Board, in June, 1898, Mr. F. S. Douglas died at the Hague. In his departure the Board suffered a loss well-nigh irreparable. Elected in 1886, he had not only served most efficiently as a member of the Executive Committee, but had also proved one of the wisest advisers and a most liberal and constant giver to the work of our Missions.

The list of missionaries also, has been diminished by the loss of one who could ill be spared, the Rev. P. J. Zwemer of the Arabian Mission, to whom fitting tribute has been paid by the Board of Trustees and by the members of the Mission on the field. Though no other missionary has been removed by death, yet the withdrawal of two families, one from South Japan and one from China, on account of ill-health, has still further weakened Missions already weaker than they ought to be. But the same list has also been increased by a considerable addition to the force in Arabia, and single additions to each of the two Missions in Japan and that in China.

The Treasury, too, has known great vicissitudes, being very low during the earlier part of the year, but replenished first by the generous gift of \$10,000 in January by Mr. Voorhees, and by the large receipts of April, which were \$10,000 in excess of those of April, 1898, and fully up to the average of the previous nine years.

STATE OF THE MISSIONS.

The work of the Missions has, as usual, been blessed of God, but sorely hampered from the human side by the lack of men and means in nearly every field. The pressure of retrenchment has been brought to bear upon them all with results which, while trying to the faith of our missionaries, have not proved utterly discouraging to them. Their appeals should act as a stimulus to the Church to still larger liberality in the year to come.

Amoy.—The clouds that have hung over this Mission for some time have been somewhat lightened, but not lifted. By the return of Dr. Kip and Mr. Rapalje to this country, its force has been further weakened.

Churches and Contributions. The Churches have suffered much from the ravages of fatal disease. While 106 were received to the membership of the twelve churches, on confession of their faith, an average of almost exactly nine to each church, yet, chiefly in consequence of the death of 78 members, there has been a net gain of only 11.

These Churches all support their pastors and meet almost, if not quite, all their other expenses. The two parochial schools belonging to the Second Church of Amoy are kept up entirely without expense to the Mission. The same is true of the girls' school connected with the First Church, and will be true of the boys' school also from this time forward. Notwithstanding the small increase and great losses in membership, the contributions of the churches were increased by about \$1,337, or nearly 28 per cent., over the preceding year, the total being \$6,165, an average of \$4.69 per member. There has been an increase also in the number of preaching places and of native workers.

Improvement in Chiang-Chiu Field. The presence and active labors of a missionary at Chiang-Chiu, (Mr. Studley), after so many years of non-occupancy, have had a marked effect upon the congregations in all the region dependent upon that station. In consequence, however, of the great pressure upon the missionary, the work done

in this field during the year remains unreported, except as the results appear in the statistical tables.

Educational Work. Losses. Owing to the absence of the English Presbyterian missionary having charge of the seminary, theological instruction was suspended during the year. A considerable falling off is noted in the number of scholars in the Boys' Academy, (Talmage Memorial), due to a variety of causes. The Report notes one cause of considerable importance, the effects of which promise to increase unless steps are taken to counteract it. It is the growing desire manifested in all that region, as in other parts of China, for instruction in English.

Demand for English. In the new order of things in China, this tendency may be expected to increase, and while hitherto it has been possible to have a sufficiently large number of students in the Middle school without such instruction, it is probable that this will no longer be the case. A successful Anglo-Chinese school has already been established at Chiang-Chiu under Christian auspices, as noted last year. Efforts to found and maintain a similar school under similar influences at Amoy have not as yet been attended with definite results. It is hoped that plans now in contemplation may prove successful, and an Anglo-Chinese school be established in more or less intimate connection with the Boys' Academy.

Other Schools and Woman's Work. The primary school for boys, on Kongsu, and the schools for women and girls, have been carried on with about the usual interest and success. The last named is looking forward to the occupancy of its new building, the gift of the Woman's Board, during the current year. From various causes but chiefly from the absence of so many of the unmarried women of the Mission from the country, the woman's work and the girls' schools at Sio-Khe and other stations than Amoy, have been sadly interfered with. The return of most, if not all, of these ladies during the current year, promises to add new life to this important department of labor.

*Hope Hospital
Opened.* The "Hope" Hospital on Kolongsu was completed and dedicated on April 27, 1898, with appropriate services, and has entered on its beneficent work. The dispensary at Tek-chiu kha, on the city side of the harbor, has been maintained and used for the treatment of out-patients and the temporary shelter of in-patients whom it was not deemed necessary or desirable to transfer to the hospital on the island.

*Woman's
Hospital.* On the same day, April 27, was laid the corner-stone of the Woman's Hospital connected with the "Netherlands Society for Building and Maintaining Missionary Hospitals in China." This Society, by agreement with the Board, has furnished the funds for the erection of this building, and loaned it to the Board for the use of its medical missionaries. The Board has undertaken to conduct it in accordance with its own rules. In addition to the sum contributed for its erection, \$2,518, the same generous friends have also furnished \$800 for its maintenance, and are continually manifesting in various ways their interest in this beneficent enterprise. The whole number of patients treated in hospitals and dispensary was 13,847.

*Forces Greatly
Reduced.* We shall have to go back seventeen years to find the Mission so weak in ordained missionaries on the field as it is to day. Of the three on the ground, one is a physician, constantly occupied with the pressing work of the hospitals under his charge; another is almost equally confined to his work of teaching in the Boys' Academy. This leaves only one free for evangelistic work. The force of women also has been much depleted during the year, so that much less work has been done by them than in years past.

It is manifestly impossible that this wide and divided field, containing, in its several sections, between two and three millions of souls, should be properly cared for, or that large parts of it should be cared for at all, with the present force. The addition of at least two ordained missionaries is imperative, unless a considerable portion of the field is to be abandoned. Against such abandon-

ment every consideration drawn from the past history of the Mission and its present need and openness, protests, and the members of the Mission all cry out.

*A Fruitful
Year.*

Arcot.—In most respects the year has been a fruitful and prosperous one, though not without its trials and embarrassments. Famine and famine prices for the necessities of life have produced great distress during the early part of the year, happily relieved to some extent, toward the close, by the return of rains from heaven. The cholera and, toward the end of the year, the plague, have been present and brought death and dismay in many quarters. Nevertheless, progress in almost every particular of the work has characterized the year.

A New Thing.

For the first time the Mission notes the presence of a missionary, (Rev. H. Huizinga), exclusively devoted to evangelistic work, unhampered by the care of a station with its churches and its schools. By him and his assistants the Gospel has been preached in more than one thousand places, to more than fifty thousand hearers, and nearly one thousand Bible portions and tracts were sold. They seem to have been everywhere well received. But the joy of harvest after so much seed sowing has not yet been granted. It is, doubtless, too early to look for or expect permanent results in a field so long neglected.

*Other Evange-
listic Labors.*

While the missionaries in charge of stations have been unable to tour extensively, by reason of their multiplied cares and engagements, a large amount of evangelistic work has yet been done by their helpers, by the students in the schools, by the members of the Christian Endeavor Societies and by the Gospel Extension Societies of the native Church. These efforts to reach the people with the Gospel have been much interfered with by the appearance of the plague, which has wrought such havoc in the west and northwest parts of India, or rather, by the panic with which its

appearance has been received. For a real panic seems to have seized the people, not only concerning the disease itself, which has not yet proved nearly so destructive as was feared, but also on account of the measures taken by the government to prevent its spread by inoculation and the segregation of the infected. Nevertheless, including the work of the zenana and Bible women, the Mission reports that the Gospel was preached and spoken 75,275 times, in 26,476 places, to 804,480 hearers, and that 51,824 tracts, mostly hand-bills, had been distributed in connection with such preaching.

Churches, Gains and Losses. The number of churches remains the same, twenty-four. In the number of communicants, 2,304, there is a net gain of 96. But 223, or an addition of a little over 10 per cent., were received during the year on confession of their faith. Deaths, as in the case of China, and removals in search of a livelihood, largely account for the relatively small gain.

The year has been signalized by the ordination of three new pastors under hopeful conditions, making the number of ordained pastors twelve in all. The whole number of other native helpers, male and female, in the Mission, including teachers, is 323. The contributions of the native congregations, Rs. 4,169½ show a gain over the previous year of Rs. 387, or 10 per cent., which is the more remarkable because of the pressure of scarcity, disease and panic above referred to.

College at Vellore. The report shows no signs of weakness or diminution in the large school work carried on by this Mission. Specially worthy of note is the large increase in the attendance on the Arcot Mission College at Vellore, the number of students at the close of the year being 1,004. This remarkable attendance has been attained notwithstanding the persistent opposition of a rival school under Hindu auspices in the town. Since the 1st of January, however, the attendance has been greatly reduced on account of the "plague scare" above referred to.

**Endowment
Sought.**

While, under normal conditions, the tuition fees and government grants to the College are sufficient to meet all its expenses except those of the boarding department for the Christian boys, yet such changes in external conditions, or a sudden revulsion in popular favor, might at any time throw the whole expense of maintaining the college upon the Mission and the Board. To provide against such a contingency the Mission have asked, and the Board has approved the request, that the Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, the Principal of the college, be allowed while in this country to seek an endowment for it to the extent of \$25,000. Mr. Chamberlain and his cause are heartily commended to the benevolent individuals in the Church.

**Christian
Endeavor.**

The South India Christian Endeavor Union held its Second Annual Convention at Vellore, beginning on August 31st. There were present from different parts of the peninsula delegates representing 104 societies and 2,422 members. The exercises were of great interest and closed with the procession of 600 Endeavorers, with banners flying and the sound of music, through the city of Vellore. Nearly every station speaks with commendation of the work of the Christian Endeavor societies in the churches attached to them, both senior and junior. There seems to be little doubt that this movement is productive of excellent results in this Mission field.

**Christian
Literature.**

The Mission is to be congratulated, and other Missions to Tamil-speaking people as well, on the issue during the war of the first volume of Dr. J. W. Scudder's lectures on Theology, in Tamil. Its appearance was hailed with satisfaction by the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at its meeting in December. It is expected that the whole work will be completed and published during the early part of this current year. Dr. Scudder is also engaged upon a commentary on Romans in the Tamil language. Dr. Chamberlain, while giving himself chiefly to the preparation of

a Bible dictionary in Telugu, to be subsequently issued in Tamil, has brought out a new and enlarged edition (the fourth) of "Telugu Hymns in English meters." Thus the Mission, through its members, is doing its part in the preparation of a sound and useful Christian literature for Tamil and Telugu speaking people everywhere.

Revised Treaties. *Japan.* The year now opening is one that promises to have important issues for the future of Christianity in Japan. In July the new treaties come into operation. While there are reasons for apprehension as to their effect upon the relations of foreigners and Japanese, and also as to what may be the policy of the government toward Christian schools, there are also reasons to hope that Christianity will have, under the new regime, a wider opening and a larger field.

Improved Outlook. While there have been anti-Christian movements, and in some places a new intensity of opposition to Christianity on the part of Buddhists and others, it is gratifying to note from reports that there is "evidently a growing interest in Christianity and an increasing conviction among intelligent Japanese that it is superior to any other religion." That "people generally are more ready to hear the Gospel than formerly, that there is less opposition on the part of school teachers and in consequence the school children have a more respectful bearing toward Christians, and do not persecute the children of believers as they did a few years ago."

Church of Christ. The Church of Christ in Japan still numbers seventy churches, twenty-three of which, a gain of nine, are self-supporting. Its adult membership is reported as 10,010, but as the number reported last year was 11,108 and 837 adults were baptised during the year, there would seem to be some mistake in the published figures.

North Japan Mission. Our own share in the building up of this Church has been considerable. The first church connected with it was organized by Mr. Bal-

lagh in 1872. The success of the Church of Christ has been the apparent though not the real diminishing of our own work. Only two organized churches are reported as connected with the North Japan Mission during the year just closed, and "at present there are no organized churches under the Mission's care or receiving aid directly therefrom." This will doubtless continue to be the case, so that in organized churches and communicants, the column in our statistical tables will show comparatively small results. Yet the results are to be found in the statistics of the Church of Christ. Thus, ten years ago, eighteen churches were stated to be under the care of, or to have been founded by, our Mission. Among them was the first and still the largest Protestant Church in Japan, the Kaigan, of Yokohama. The membership of these churches numbered ten years ago, three thousand souls. The churches still exist, for the most part if not entirely, and are doing their work. But they have graduated, so to speak, from our care and tutelage. In this we may rejoice without hesitation—rather with gratitude to God.

**Help
Needed.**

The report of the Mission makes touching reference to the death of Dr. Verbeck and the value of his life and service to the Mission and to Japan. It makes also a strong appeal for new men for evangelistic work, in view of the death of Dr. Verbeck and the increasing years of Mr. Ballagh, whose whole life has been spent in the evangelistic service.

The preaching places under the direction of the Mission number sixteen, cared for by fifteen helpers. It is gratifying to notice increased efforts for self-support on the part of Churches and non-organized companies of believers. This is one of the most healthful indications concerning the condition of the Church of Christ in Japan.

**New Station
Occupied.**

Owing to the return of Dr. M. N. Wyckoff to Japan and to his former position in the Academical Department of the Meiji Gakuin, Mr. Harris was released from work in that department,

with which he had been connected for some thirteen years, and enabled to take up his residence with Mrs. Harris at Ichi-no-seki, thus opening a new station about half way between Sendai and Morioka. The work there seems to open in an encouraging manner.

*Meiji
Gakuin.*

Of the Meiji Gakuin, the Theological Department has thirteen students on its roll. Five students graduated last year, two from the regular course and three from special courses. The position vacated by the return of Dr. Poppen to this country still remains unfilled. The Board is under an implied if not an expressed obligation to maintain one missionary in connection with this department, but has been unable to fulfill this obligation as yet, since the return of Dr. Poppen, for lack of means and the suitable man to fill the position.

In the Academical Department seventy students are reported, sixteen more than the year before. Of these twenty-one were professing Christians. Six were baptized during the year and there were nine inquirers. Seven graduated at the last commencement, five from the regular and two from a special course.

An interesting experiment is being tried in connection with this school. Since April, 1898, it has been connected with the school system [of the city of Tokyo. Such connection gives it certain advantages in the way of securing a larger number of students. It is also stipulated that this connection shall not interfere, and it has been found thus far not to interfere, with religious instruction. All religious classes and meetings are maintained, and the study of the Bible is still a part of the curriculum. Should any interference occur, or be attempted, with the religious character of the school, it is understood that the relation with the city system shall be terminated at once.

*Ferris
Seminary.*

In the Ferris Seminary forty-two scholars were enrolled, of whom fifteen were Christians; seven were baptized during the year, and

ght were candidates for baptism at its close. The large falling off which has occurred, in the attendance on this school, from that of previous years is due to various causes, but chiefly to the discontinuance of the academic and primary departments. It is hoped that the worst effects of the changes which have taken place have been already felt, and that from this time on there will be ready if not rapid improvement, especially as the reopening of the primary classes has been authorized by the Mission.

South Japan Mission. The South Japan Mission rejoices in the return of Dr. Stout with his family, after an absence of several years. It is now thirty years since Dr. and Mrs. Stout first took up their residence in Nagasaki. At the close of 1898 the entire force was on the field.

Evangelistic Work. In the evangelistic work two missionaries, three ordained native ministers and seventeen unordained evangelists were actively engaged. Learners were never more numerous or more attentive, yet reaping has been scanty, the number of communicants in the four churches being less than it was last year. Hopeful indications, however, are reported. A true work of Christ seems to have been begun at Oita on the east coast.

The idea of self-support on the part of the churches has received a new impulse. Of one station, at least, it is said "there is more Bible reading, more listening to good instruction, more prayer on the field now than ever, before." After much effort a new chapel has been secured in the city of Nagasaki and evangelistic work renewed in that field which has proved so exceedingly difficult hitherto.

Sturges Seminary. Fifty-four pupils were enrolled in the Sturges Seminary, twenty-seven of them being boarders. Twenty-two new scholars were received in the spring. Of the boarders, four were received into the Church during the year.

*Steele
College.*

Of Steele College, the Theological Department is still suspended, there being at present no students who desire theological instruction. The members of the Academical Department numbered seventy. The Mission and the teachers were disheartened by a sad lapse in morality on the part of some of the Christian students. The offenders were expelled, but the scandal created by their offense had, naturally, an injurious effect upon the religious interests of the school. There were but five communicants left among the students, and not a single conversion during the year. These facts should give the College a claim upon the fervent prayers of those who desire to see the work of Christ advanced in that part of Japan by means of this useful institution.

*Suffering for
want of men.*

To sum up, while the Board has been glad to return some of the older missionaries to the field, and to add a few, and only a few, to the number of those already engaged, by means of funds specially given for the purpose, it is still true, that with the exception of Arcot, all the older Missions have suffered, and are suffering, for want of men.

Should the Church feel disposed and able to supply the immediate necessities of these fields, in respect of reinforcements, it would be needful to send at once three ordained missionaries to the Amoy Mission, two to that of North Japan and one to South Japan, making five in all. More than these could well be placed, but these are absolutely necessary if the immediate wants of the Missions are to be met. Yet the number already on our roll is as large as our present resources can support.

*A Decade
Completed.*

Arabia. It is ten years since the proposition was first made to the Board of Foreign Missions and the Synod to establish a Mission for direct work among Arabic-speaking Mohammedans, and also for the care of rescued slaves.

The proposition awakened deep interest, both in the Board of Foreign Missions and also in the General Synod.

Nevertheless it did not seem wise to the Board at that time, burdened as it was with tasks and responsibilities too great for its resources, to assume the additional responsibility for a new Mission. Providence, however, seems to have been working to that end, and the Mission, organized on an independent basis ten years ago, was received under the care and management of this Board when the decade was half complete.

Rev. No year in its history has been so marked
P. J. Zwemer. as the last. For, on the one hand, it has lost,—a loss which seems to us irreparable,—one of its early missionaries, Rev. P. J. Zwemer. After establishing a station at Muscat and maintaining it at the cost of much suffering and great personal sacrifice, yet with a cheerful courage, noble fidelity, and singular devotion, worn out with the conflict he came home, in the hope and expectation of recovery, but really to die. Arriving in New York on the 12th of July, he was taken immediately to the Presbyterian Hospital, where he remained till his death on October 18th. A fitting tribute is paid to his memory in the report from the Mission, and in the records of the Board of Trustees.

Large On the other hand, in no year have such
Reinforcements. large reinforcements been added to the Mission. In August, the Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer returned to the field, taking with them Miss Margaret Rice who subsequently became Mrs. F. J. Barny, and the Rev. Geo. E. Stone. On January 17, 1899, the Mission was further increased by the arrival at Busrah, of Sharon J. Thoms, M. D., and Mrs. Thoms, who is also a physician.

Dr. and Mrs. Thoms sailed from New York early in October and proceeded to the field by the way of Constantinople, in the hope of securing a certificate which would enable them to practice at Busrah or anywhere in the Turkish Empire. In this they were unsuccessful and were obliged to go on to the field without being even admitted to examination.

With these reinforcements the Mission is stronger to-day than it has ever been before, and is in a position

to obviate the necessity of leaving any of its stations to be occupied by a single individual, for any considerable length of time.

*Now for the
Interior.*

The Report from the Mission states, "We can truthfully say that we have enough missionaries to occupy our three stations on the coast." The Church should mark the full significance of this statement, and prepare for the advance which is sure to be made into the interior. Already the way for advance is being prepared by colportage, Bible sales and distribution, and by the few tours which some of the missionaries themselves have been able to make, the lamented Peter J. Zwemer being one of them.

The addition of Mrs. Marion Thoms, M.D., makes possible a larger amount of medical work among the women. And, with three women now in the field, much may be expected in the line of such work for Arab women and girls, to which there appears to be no hindrance.

Financial.

The receipts for this Mission during the year, for the regular work, have been \$8,606.27. Of this amount, \$3,821.62 was from Syndicates, and the remainder from Churches, Societies and individuals unpledged. In addition the Mission received \$2,417.29 for the Building Fund, which now amounts to \$3,079.29, and \$266.78 for certain other objects outside of the appropriations. The total receipts, therefore, for all the uses of the Mission, were \$11,290.34, or \$2,415.42 less than last year. The expenditures of the year have been as follows: For salaries, field work and traveling expenses, \$12,867.72 and for home expenses, \$804.87, a total of \$13,672.59. The appropriations for the year 1899 amount to \$9,811.50.

It was natural to expect a falling-off in receipts from the contributions of the previous year, which reached a phenomenal sum through the labors and appeals of the Rev. S. M. Zwemer. In this regard, also, the work has suffered from the lamented death of his brother, as it was his earnest desire and expectation to present the cause of Arabia widely among the Churches.

*Need of
Larger Gifts.* With so large a force in the field the need of contributions is greater than ever before. It requires more to support them. The presence of more men and women must result also, if they are faithful, in more work, in a larger number of helpers and in more expense for that work and those helpers. It is not to be supposed that our brethren there are simply going to sit down and enjoy their new accessions and their added strength, but, rather, immediately plan to use their larger facilities and resources for new aggressive movements. The extent and success of these movements will largely depend, under God, on the earnest prayers and liberality of the Church which has voluntarily assumed this interesting and most sacred trust. Not less than \$12,000 ought to be raised for the maintenance of the regular work of this Mission during the coming year.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

In August, 1898, Prof. M. N. Wyckoff, Sc. D., with Mrs. Wyckoff and their daughter, Miss Harriet J. Wyckoff, returned to Japan and the North Japan Mission, Miss Wyckoff expecting to engage in evangelistic work. Owing to the temporary lack of help in Ferris Seminary, however, Miss Wyckoff has been occupied thus far in teaching in that institution.

In September, Miss M. C. Morrison left on her return to China and the Amoy Mission, accompanied by Miss Edith J. Holbrow, who has since become the wife of the Rev. Hobart E. Studley of that Mission.

Rev. Henry Stout, D.D., and Mrs. Stout returned to Nagasaki and the South Japan Mission in October. They were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Anna B. Stout, who has since been engaged in teaching in the Sturges Seminary.

In December Miss E. M. Cappon returned to Amoy, to resume her post and work at Chiang-Chiu.

Miss Mary E. Brokaw, who had been for fourteen years connected with the Missions of the Board in Japan, at first with the Sturges Seminary at Nagasaki, and of

late engaged in evangelistic work at Ueda in connection with the North Japan Mission, was released from her connection with that Mission and the Board in January, 1899, in order to become the wife of the Rev. W. Y. Jones of the East Japan Mission of the Presbyterian Church. In view of her long and satisfactory connection with and service in our Missions, the Board parted from her with great regret.

For Missionaries to Arabia, see pages xv and xvi.

UNDER APPOINTMENT.

Dr. C. Otto Stumpf, a graduate of the Long Island College Hospital, and a member and officer of the Reformed Church of Belleville, N. J., has been appointed to the Amoy Mission as a medical missionary, with the expectation of re-opening and taking charge of the hospital at Sio-Khe.

Miss Eleanor Barwood was appointed to the same Mission at the same time, and expects to join the Mission as Mrs. Stumpf.

Dr. and Mrs. Stumpf will be supported by the contributions of the West End Collegiate Church, which are pledged for this purpose for five years.

Miss Angie M. Myers, M. D., a graduate of the Women's Medical College of the New York Infirmary, has also been appointed to the Amoy Mission for medical work, especially among women. Miss Myers has been adopted as the missionary of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., who have agreed to furnish the funds necessary to send her to the field, and to support her for five years.

Miss Louise Brink of Kingston, N. Y., a graduate of Vassar College, has also been appointed to the Amoy Mission, special contributions having been received for the purpose of sending her to the field.

Mr. Charles M. Myers of the graduating class of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick has been appointed to Steele College, Nagasaki, for a term of four years, the cost of sending him out having been specially contributed.

Mr. Harry J. Wiersum, a graduate of Hope College and of Princeton Theological Seminary, has been appointed to the Arabian Mission, as the missionary of the Sioux County Syndicate, in place of the lamented P. J. Zwemer.

All these appointees are expected to proceed to their various fields of labor during the approaching summer.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

The officers of the Board remain the same as at the beginning of the year.

Careful consideration has been given to the recommendation of the last General Synod, that the Board "secure if practicable some minister as Field Secretary to visit the Churches in the interests of this cause." Up to this time, however, it has been found impracticable to secure the services of such a person as the position seems to the Board to require.

The vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. F. S. Douglas, was filled by the election of Mr. J. Den Herder of Zeeland, Mich. Upon his declining to serve, T. G. Huizinga, M. D., also of Zeeland, was elected in his place.

The term of the following members of the Board expires with this session of the General Synod:

Rev. D. Sage MacKay, D. D.,	Mr. William L. Brower,
" Lewis Francis, D. D.,	" W. H. Van Steenberg,
" J. P. Searle, D. D.,	" Joseph C. Pool,
" E. G. Read, D. D.,	" Richard B. Ferris.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

There has been no diminution in the interest and no cessation in the activity displayed by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The receipts into its Treasury, while not equalling the amount realized the previous year have reached the very generous sum of \$32,849.58. The total amount received by this Board from the beginning, is \$447,795. The payments to the Board of Foreign Missions amounted to \$30,175.67, and to the Arabian Mission, \$897.10, making a total of \$31,072.77. Of the

payments to the former, \$29,022.27 were for the regular work of the Missions for women and girls, and \$1,153.40 for various special objects in connection with that work.

Twenty seven new auxiliaries have been received into connection with the Woman's Board during the year, making the total number of Societies and Mission Bands at present 555. The Mission Gleaner still continues self-sustaining.

WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

Tours and Meetings. An extended trip of nearly three weeks was made by the Secretary of Young People's work, Rev. A. De W. Mason, among the churches and societies in Michigan, Illinois and Iowa during May, 1898, and another of ten days, in October, among the churches of the Classes of Rochester and Montgomery.

The classical agents of the Missionary League have been more active than ever before, and have accumulated much information as to methods of study and giving, which will be of great value in future work. Several meetings of the Missionary League of the C. E. Societies have been held during the past winter, and the Convention at Grand Rapids in May, 1898, was a notable success.

C. E. Societies. The number of Christian Endeavor Societies in the Reformed Church is 635. From contributions by these societies, the Board of Foreign Missions has received, \$3,956.97, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, \$790.99, and the Arabian Mission, \$917.88, making a total for Foreign Mission work, of \$5,665.84, an average of about \$9 for each society. While this is gratifying and helpful, it is evident that the societies are capable of larger and better things, if properly interested and enlisted in the work of Missions.

Sunday Schools. The contributions from the Sunday Schools show a slight advance, less than \$650, upon the contributions of the previous year, and the number of contributing Sunday-schools, 274, is larger by 49, than those which contributed a year ago. For such advances we may be grateful. At the same time it is

still true, as was stated last year, that the youth of our churches as represented in these societies and Sunday-schools, constitute "a practically undeveloped force for the present and future maintenance and advancement of our missionary work.

STUDENT SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*A New
Movement.*

In this view it is encouraging to be able to report the organization of a Summer Campaign, with special reference to the Sunday-schools and Young People's societies, by the students of our colleges and theological seminaries. Similar campaigns have been carried on in previous years, in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

The plan for such a campaign among our churches originated among the students themselves, and has received the cordial approval of the Board. It is designed not directly for the raising of money, but to secure the adoption of such means and methods in the societies and Sunday-schools as will, with the blessing of God, result in a deeper and more intelligent interest in the work, and so ultimately enlarge the contributions.

Its Aims.

The plan aims to secure regular Monthly Missionary Meetings; the introduction of Missionary periodicals and other literature of the Boards; if possible the purchase of a Missionary library, or Missionary books for existing libraries; the organization of Mission Study Classes wherever possible, and the adoption of systematic giving. No money is to be sought or received by the workers except for necessary expenses.

Care is taken to secure the activity of only such students as approve themselves to their pastors and the professors in the institutions with which they are connected, as qualified for the service.

The Missionary Library has been made up with special reference to the furnishing of information in regard to our own Mission work, as well as to Mission work in general, and can be furnished by the manager of the Student

Campaign, at such low rates as to make it easily possible for every Society and Sunday-school to secure it.

The Board heartily commends the campaign and its workers to the sympathy, confidence and co-operation of the pastors of our churches and the superintendents of our Sunday-schools, and invokes their aid in the work in view, and the blessing of God upon it.

PERIODICALS AND OTHER AGENCIES.

There has been little change in the situation as regards the *Mission Field* and the *Day Star*. The circulation of neither of these periodicals is quite as large as in the previous year. But the latter continues to be self-supporting and involves no expense to the Board.

Mission Field. The *Mission Field* still draws largely on the treasury of this and other Boards, for its maintenance. Convinced as the Board is of the necessity to it of some such organ of communication with the churches, and of its necessity to the churches if they are to be kept informed in regard to the Mission work to which they contribute, it would again urge upon the Synod and the Church the great importance of its wider circulation among our people. Evidence is not wanting that, in quarters where it is received, it is "a welcome and useful visitor to hundreds of the people of our Church." None can do more to increase its circulation than the pastors of the churches.

Help from Other Papers. The Board has not, however, been dependent on the *Mission Field* for communication with the churches. As in previous years, the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer* have been frequently open to it for statements, appeals and the publication of letters from the field.

The same is true in a good measure of *De Hope* of Holland, Mich., and *De Heidenwereld* of Orange City, Ia., and the Board is indebted to the proprietors of all these publications for services which it gladly and gratefully recognizes.

*Tracts,
Leaflets, etc.* A number of new tracts and leaflets have been published during the year both by the Board and the Arabian Mission. Perhaps in no year has such literature been more widely circulated, especially among our western churches. Four of the leaflets, "Our Work," "The Lord's War Waxes Hot," "The Man with the Wonderful Books" and "Winding up a Horse," have been translated into Dutch and have been largely called for and freely circulated among our Holland brethren.

Four hundred and forty-one mite boxes have been issued, making the total number sent from the beginning 31,950.

The condition of the Treasury on March 1st seemed to render necessary a special appeal to the Churches for relief, which was repeated at the end of the month. Generous responses were received, especially in April, to which receipts during that month bear ample testimony.

*Services of
Individuals.* Usually there have been a number of missionaries at home on furlough, whose visits and addresses among the churches have been sought and welcomed and fruitful of good. During a large part of this year this resource has been cut off, though for a few months, towards the end of 1898, addresses were made by Rev. W. I. Chamberlain.

In the absence of such assistance and the inability to secure a Field Secretary, the Financial Secretary, the Rev. J. L. Amerman, D.D., was active among the churches during the early months of 1899. In addition, the Board gratefully recognizes the services rendered by the Missionary Agents and also the help freely and frequently given by others, especially by the Rev. J. G. Fagg.

ECUMENICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Attention was called last year to the proposal to hold an Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions in the City of New York, from April 21 to May 1, 1900. The plans for such Conference have been constantly developing since that time, and the holding of the Conference is

assured. If it shall prove, as is hoped and expected, truly representative of all the Foreign Mission work of the Protestant world, both as to the societies conducting it and as to the missionaries actively employed in the great world field, no gathering more important to the interests of Christ's Kingdom can well be conceived. As entertaining hosts, all the Societies and denominations in the United States and Canada will be included. The Board has appointed its President and Corresponding Secretary as its representatives in the General Committee.

In order to secure the widest interest and participation throughout these denominations, a plan of general subscription is proposed, which, by the contribution of a small amount on the part of individual churches, will not only help defray the necessary expenses of the Conference, but will entitle each contributing church to receive a copy of its published proceedings. Thus the latest results of missionary activity and discussion will be brought within the reach of every contributing church. In such a work and with such an object in view, our own Church should not be behind any of its sister denominations.

FINANCIAL.

Receipts. The total receipts of the Board exclusive of the Arabian Mission were \$115,548.02. Of this amount \$3,204.45 were for special objects outside of the appropriations, leaving \$112,343.57 to be applied on the appropriations. Should the amount of legacies, \$5,327.24, and the interest on the Security Fund, \$2,065, be deducted from this sum, we have as the result of contributions by churches, Sunday-schools, societies, and individuals, \$104,951.33.

It would be ungrateful, however, to forget or to neglect to state that, of this sum, \$10,000 was the gift of a single individual, once an elder in one of our Churches, Mr. Ralph Voorhees, to whom the Board, with other Boards in our Church, are greatly indebted for relief. This leaves \$94,951.33 as the total of all other contributions.

If to the receipts of the Board from all these sources, those of the Arabian Mission be added, which were \$11,290.34, the total receipts from all sources and for all purposes for the year is, \$126,838.36.

Semelink Fund. In addition to the contributions in money above reported, the Board has also received from Mr. Peter Semelink, of Vriesland, Mich., a donation of securities amounting to \$10,000, the full sum to be held as a distinct fund to be known as the "Semelink Family Mission Fund," the interest thereof, with the exception of a slight annuity during the life of the donor, to be devoted to the support of the Foreign Mission work of the Church. While this is the largest, it is by no means the first indication of the deep interest taken in this work by Mr. Semelink and the family which he represents.

Expenditures. The expenditures, excepting those for the Arabian Mission which are given elsewhere, have been as follows: for the Amoy Mission, \$21,832.65; for the Arcot Mission, \$43,133.59; for the North Japan Mission, \$25,675.81, and for the South Japan Mission, \$20,143.84, making a total for the four missions of \$110,785.89. For interest on loans the further sum of \$1,659.88 was expended, and for home expenses other than interest \$8,763.10, making a total of expenditures for all purposes except for the Arabian Mission, \$121,208.87. The cost of administration was a little over seven per cent. of the whole amount expended. The receipts fell short of meeting the expenditures by \$8,865.30.

Further Increase of Debt. It will thus be seen that an addition has been made to the debt with which the year began, of about \$9,000. The situation, as compared with last year, can best be seen by the accompanying table:

	1898	1899
Amount of loans.....	\$19,136.10	\$30,856.10
Accrued interest, May 1.	119.44	149.17
Acceptances outstanding.....	8,972.79	10,472.35
Special gifts, unexpended.....	2,129.37	7,313.89
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	\$30,857.70	\$48,791.51

Less cash and accrued interest, Security Fund.....	4,509.33	13,369.40
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	\$26,348.37	\$35,422.11

However reluctant the Board may be to admit or report such a situation, it is nevertheless a fact, and the Board is still more reluctant to suffer such a condition to continue without calling to it the very serious and prayerful attention of the Synod, and seeking its help not only to remove this encumbrance, but to render its recurrence as nearly impossible as may be in the future.

Inadequate Appropriations. In order to keep down the expenditures of the Missions, and in accordance with a rule of its own, adopted seven years ago, the Board has steadily kept the regular annual appropriations for each year within the average receipts of the previous five years. Each year it has been necessary, therefore, to cut off considerable sums from the estimates furnished by the Missions of the amounts necessary for the prosecution of their work. Thus, for the year 1899, the estimates furnished by the Missions and the appropriations made by the Board are set forth in the following table :

	ESTIMATES.	APPROPRIATIONS.
Amoy.....	\$ 27,023	\$116,870
Arcot.....	43,830	38,218
North Japan.....	28,918	19,480
South Japan.....	24,470	17,808 .
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	\$124,241	\$ 92,376

It is manifest that no such appropriations can adequately meet the necessities of a work which justifies such estimates. We must either come to the conclusion that our missionaries do not rightly judge of the importance of their work, nor rightly compute the amount necessary for its maintenance, or that we are very far from providing the means necessary for its support. That such curtailment, repeated year after year, cannot fail to be injurious, and even disastrous to such a work must be evident to every thoughtful mind

**Affect All
Alike.**

In two impressive statements given to the Church, Dr. Chamberlain has shown "how 'the cut' cuts in the Arcot Mission," and the effects of retrenchment upon Mission work in India generally. He does not, of course, say, what is none the less a fact, that the same statement would apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to any Mission anywhere, our own or any other; that it does apply with equal force to all our Missions. All feel substantially the same distressing results so graphically described by him in respect to one.

**Objections to Such
a Policy.**

While the steady growth of this work, in spite of such repeated curtailment, may furnish incontestable proof of the inherent, persistent and indomitable life and power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit who accompanies it, yet the policy of retrenchment itself, to which the Board has thus been forced by inadequate resources, is liable to certain grave and insuperable objections which all must recognize :

Wasteful.

1. *It is wasteful.* It affects chiefly and cuts down the evangelistic and educational work, which is the very object for which the missionaries were sent out and the Missions established. Work on which years of labor and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars have been expended, may be cut off altogether or cut down almost to the point of extinction, as it has been. What can be more wasteful than this?

It is wasteful to train young men for evangelistic service and not be enabled to employ them in such service when, at the Missions' expense and that of the Church, they are fitted for it.

It is wasteful "to tie up two persons who cost \$1,500 a year by failing to provide an extra \$150 for their work, and yet, (writes one of our Missionaries), that is the sort of thing we have been obliged to do for the past two or three years."

It is wasteful of the time and strength of our missionaries, perhaps even of their health and life, to compel them to assume burdens of labor and anxiety which require double their number, in some instances, to dis-

charge and to maintain with their own gifts work which it belongs to the Church to support.

Discouraging. 2. *It is discouraging.* It discourages the missionaries. It disheartens the native Christians and Churches. The very work the former came to do is either made impossible for them and that into which they have put their hearts and their very lives is cut off, or the legitimate fruits of all that they have done are denied them from sheer inability to reap the harvest of the seed that has been sown. What is the use of having a missionary in India, for example, devote his whole time to evangelistic effort, if, when the villages begin to move and ask for Christian teachers, he is obliged to say to them nay, and turn his back upon their pleadings?

Short-Sighted. 3. *It is short-sighted.* It makes impossible the carrying out of any intelligent, consistent and far-reaching policy in the conduct of any Mission, and reduces the Missions to a miserable and injurious "opportunism," always striving to do the best they can under adverse circumstances, but never able to plan generously and wisely for the enlargement of their work. For example, the delimitation of the fields occupied by three Missions centering at Amoy has just been settled. Definite districts with definite boundaries have been assigned to our own Mission (as to the others), into which neither of the others will intrude. For the evangelization of these districts we are responsible before God and man. Yet it is absolutely impossible for our Mission or the Board to undertake any wise and careful plan, looking to the efficient occupancy of this field and its important stations or even the keeping up of the work already begun, unless the ability to send more missionaries to superintend and enlarge the work in those regions be supplied.

What Causes this Situation? Many causes for this state of things may be assigned—many have been assigned. It is a condition not peculiar to ourselves but common to other Mission Boards. Whatever the cause in

our case may be, it is gratifying to believe that it is not because the Churches give less money than they used to do. The much discussed "decline of interest in Foreign Missions," if it exists at all, does not seem to exist in the Reformed Church.

An examination of the table of receipts and averages for periods of five years, annually published, will show that in the ten years from 1888 to 1897, both inclusive, the receipts increased from an average of \$109,721 a year to an average of \$120,318. But in two years of the decade the payment of two debts was included. A more distinct showing of this fact may be made by comparing the annual contributions of the last five years, leaving out legacies and interest on the Security Fund. These were in 1894-5, \$82,542; in 1895-6, (besides contributions for the debt amounting to \$37,738), \$84,789; in 1896-7 they were \$85,228; in 1897-98, \$90,722; in 1898-9, \$94,957. Thus there has been an increase each year over the year preceding.

While this is true, and shows a gratifying growth in contributions, it must still be said:

The work grows faster than gifts. 1. That the increase in giving has by no means been equal to the increase in the work. During the last ten years the number of stations in our Missions has increased 100 per cent., the number of out-stations 96 per cent., the number of missionaries 50 per cent., the number of schools about 87 per cent. and the number of scholars about 117 per cent. Yet on the most favorable showing the contributions for the maintenance of this work that has grown so rapidly, have increased only about 10 per cent. It is manifest that a work which has grown, on an average, about 90 per cent. all around, cannot be maintained by resources only 10 per cent. greater.

Lack of Proper System. 2. Another cause is lack of proper system in giving. It is probably quite safe to say that, from January 1st to April 1st, of the current year, thousands of dollars were lost to the Treasury of the Board simply because it rained on the majority of the Sundays of that period. Yet what can be more pre-

posterior, more unworthy the dignity of the Church or the character and honor of its missionary work, than that the contributions made for that work should depend upon a single offering, and that upon the question of the weather!

The Wrong Emphasis. 3. A third cause, which goes deeper than all others, is doubtless a loss of the proper emphasis, or rather the fact that the emphasis in Mission work is no longer put in the proper place, nor where it used to be.

The tendency of late has been to put emphasis upon the philanthropic, social and commercial aspects and effects of Mission work, to the obscuring of the fact that it is first, and purely a spiritual work, undertaken at the command of Christ, for the salvation of lost souls for whom He died. The tendency has also been to insist upon the need of organization and methods and money. None of these can be dispensed with, but the danger is that in this insistence the indispensable need and power of prayer which has wrought such wonders in the Mission field in days past should be overlooked. That prayer, *as a force* for the conquest of the world for Christ, is employed as generally and as effectively as it used to be, seems doubtful. That it can yet work wonders for us, our own and all Mission work everywhere, if rightly used, cannot admit of question.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Situation Cannot Continue. It is needless to say that the present condition cannot continue. It is bad for the Church and bad for the Missions. It is impossible for the Board. The Board cannot continue to carry a debt which accumulates by \$10,000 a year. The constant recurrence of debt has a bad effect upon the Church. It wearies of the cry and of the appeal for payment. The Missions cannot much longer endure the process of curtailment. What shall be done?

But One Alternative. One of two courses is open, and one or the other of them ought to be adopted definitely and at once. Either, definite steps should be

taken to relieve ourselves of a part of the work, which we therefore confess to be larger than we can or care to provide for, or decisive measures should be adopted to secure the resources needed for the support of the whole work as it ought to be supported.

*Can We Maintain
the Work?* The question recurs, Is the Church able to do for this work what its necessities and proper conduct demand?

Without entering into any mechanical or mathematical calculation as to financial ability, who among us believes that when the fathers separated from the American Board and organized their own Board of Foreign Missions just in order that the Church might do more for the spread of the Gospel and the evangelization of the world, they desired anything less than the largest growth with which God might bless the Missions of which they then assumed the care? Who believes that when God by His providence distinctly led us into the fields that we now occupy, He did not know what our assuming such responsibilities involved for us, or to what extent the work would grow in years to come? Who believes, now, that He has laid upon us burdens that we cannot bear? Or who believes, since the work is His, and since the gold and silver are His also, that He will not, if asked, enable us to do all that the present need requires, and grow to greater things as greater things are laid upon us?

WHAT THE OCCASION DEMANDS.

Assuming that the Church clings, and will cling, to its reiterated determination not to suffer the Board to give up or seek to transfer to others any of its Missions, the situation seems to the Board to demand:

1. Adequate measures for the removal of the debt.
2. Such an increase in the regular contributions by the Churches as shall bring the amount fully up to \$120,000, without reference to bequests or interest on invested funds. This is surely not too much to ask for the support of a work such as ours. It is evident that nothing less

will suffice. Judging from experience it will not be long before even this sum is not enough.

3. To meet present needs and prepare for coming demands there should be improved methods of securing these contributions. Whether the method of apportionment, now and for several years employed, should be continued, is for the Synod to say. There can be little doubt that, in many instances, it has proved efficacious in guiding and stimulating Churches and Classes. It may still be questioned whether, so far as bringing up the majority of the Churches and Classes to the point of giving the amounts apportioned to them is concerned, it has accomplished all that was expected of it. If it were possible to introduce some effective organization for Foreign Missions into every Church and Classis, similar to the Auxiliaries and Classical Unions of the Woman's Board, or the Societies and the Local Unions of Christian Endeavor, no doubt the cause would be far better served than it is or can be now.

4 In one particular line a great advance might easily be made with advantage to contributors and the work at large. Reference has been made to missionaries to be specially supported by the West End Collegiate Church of New York City, and by the Missionary Society of Smith College. Other missionaries are so supported, or have their support pledged, by societies and individuals. The whole number is eighteen, including three in the Arabian Mission. There seems to be no reason why this number may not be largely increased, and thus vacancies filled and needed reinforcement furnished to the Missions, in addition to the regular contributions of Churches and individuals. Doubtless the donors would be greatly blessed in the doing, and a new inspiration given to the Churches.

5. Since the Son Himself is not to have the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for His possession without asking for it, and since He has put the petition for it, "Thy kingdom come," into the mouths of His disciples, nothing is more needed, and nothing can be more distinctly helpful in every way, than

increased and constant prayer. The observance of a single Sabbath, the first in November, for several years past, for the presentation of facts and principles and for prayer respecting Foreign Missions, has undoubtedly been productive of good, and would be again. It is worthy of consideration whether the time has not come to call a general Conference of the whole Church again, with reference to the interests of this work, and for special and united prayer in its behalf. Even more to be desired is the universal revival of the regular monthly meeting of prayer for Missions in both Church and Sunday-school. Nor will the full measure of this power be exercised, nor its full benefits received, until every pulpit and every closet becomes a place of perpetual intercession, for the salvation of lost men and the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom.

HENRY N. COBB,
Corresponding Secretary.

Approved by the Board,
May 11, 1899.



THE AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

FOUNDED IN 1842.

Missionaries.—Rev's Daniel Rapalje, Leonard W. Kip, D.D., Philip W. Pitcher, John A. Otte, M. D., and Hobart E. Studley.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage, Mrs. Rapalje, Mrs. Kip, Mrs. Pitcher, Mrs. Otte, Mrs. Studley, Miss Mary E. Talmage, Miss Katherine M. Talmage, Miss M. C. Morrison, Miss M. M. Van Beeck Calkoen.

In America.—Miss Elizabeth M. Cappon, Miss Nellie Zwemer, Miss Lily N. Duryee.

Native Pastors.—Rev's Ng Ho-seng, 1st Amoy; Ti Peng-tang, 2nd Amoy; Keh Nga-pit, Chioh-be; Tan Kam-cho, Chiang-chiu; Tjong In-Ji, Thian-san; Iap Haa-chiong, Sio-khe; Lim Khlok, Lam-sin; Ong Ki-siong, O-kang; Ia Ho-sin, Hong-san; Li Ki-che, Tong-an; Chhoa Keng-kong and Lim Chi-seng, without charge. Total 12.

Native Helpers.—unordained—30.

Regular Preaching Places.—41, beside Douglas Memorial Chapel on Kelongou, supplied by Reformed and English Presbyterian Missions.

Boarding Schools, Boys'—2; scholars, 112, (86 connected with our own Mission); **Girls' and Women's**—2; scholars, 114, (98 connected with our own Mission).

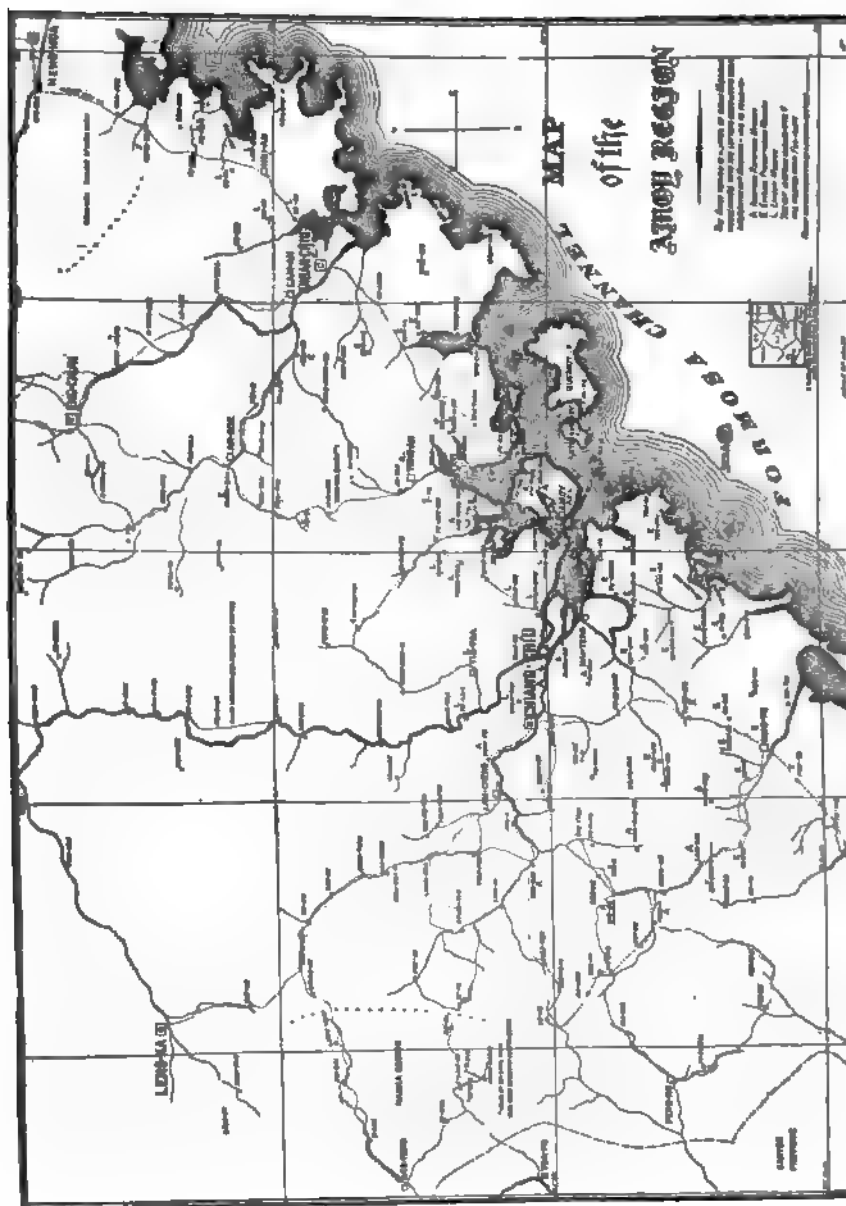
Day Schools—19; scholars, 308, (boys 257, girls 46). Total scholars, 529.

CHURCHES	Members at be- gining of 1898.	Received on Confession	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excom.	Names dropped from Roll.	Members at the close of 1898.	Under Suspension.	Infaus- tly Baptized.	Contributions.
1st Amoy....	*108	9	.....	1	3	3	2	106	6	6	\$ 759 00
2nd Amoy....	168	8	1	7	5	2	.....	158	9	3	894 00
O Kang	122	9	2	3	13	.....	.....	117	9	3	402 30
Hong-san	*76	7	1	.....	4	.....	.....	80	9	3	355 00
Tong-an	208	10	3	1	20	.....	3	195	8	9	840 00
Chioh-be	62	11	4	6	2	.....	.....	89	4	5	318 16
Chiang-chiu	97	14	1	2	6	.....	.....	103	3	9	266 10
Thian-san	*94	13	1	.....	.....	2	.....	99	8	13	541 54
Sio khe	*178	12	4	8	6	.....	.....	185	8	10	1145 00
Poa-a	*102	4	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	99	2	.....	331 40
Lam-sin	73	6	3	1	5	.....	.....	76	5	2	247 04
Mission Church ..	*8	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	11 10
Total	1301	106	22	24	78	7	5	1215	66	63	\$5384 74

*Revised list.

In addition to this, a thank offering, amounting to \$320.00 was given by the Amoy Churches for the support of the Mission Church.

O-Kang has 4 preaching places, Hong-san 2, Tong-an 5, Chioh-be 2, Chiang Chiu 2 Thian-san 7, Sio-khe 8, Poa-a 4, Lam-sin 2.



REPORT FOR 1898.

AMOY DISTRICT.

REV. D. RAPALJE, in charge.

We are not able to report much advance in the two Amoy Churches. It is now about fifty years since the building used by the First Church was completed and opened for preaching. The jubilee celebration took place a year ago—a year before the fifty years were completed. On that occasion special meetings were held and much enthusiasm manifested. Some of us felt that too much money was spent on decorations and feasting, but the native brethren seemed to think this a good way of showing gratitude and advertising the gospel. The pastor is still in poor health, but the usual services have been kept up and the attendance has been good. The two parochial schools, one for boys and one for girls, have been maintained as usual, the latter without expense to the mission. The church paid part of the expense of the boys' school. This year they will pay the whole expense of this school.

At the Second Church there have been good congregations, and the pastor has been able to carry on his work without interruption. He also preaches to the hospital patients on dispensing days and is abundant in good works. There are two parochial schools connected with this church also—one for boys and one for girls. Both of these schools were kept up without cost to the mission.

The Mission Church, (supported by the First and Second Churches of Amoy,) has had an addition of five members, three on confession and two on certificate. This Church is on the main road running across the Island, and many persons coming and going stop and hear the gospel. About \$240 were raised during the year for the support of this enterprise.

The O-Kang Church (on Amoy Island) continues work at its four preaching places, the pastor living at Kio-Thau, where he is within easy reach of the other three chapels. One of his assistants died of plague during the year. There is a large village population on the Island, but it seems difficult to bring this population under the influence of Christian truth. The growth of the Church has been slow, and some of the Church members seem more dead than alive. It is, however, a matter for thankfulness that the gospel has been preached without hindrance for another year.

The congregation that meets in Douglas Church on Kolongsu is still large, being mostly made up, as heretofore, of pupils from the schools. The English Presbyterian Mission and ourselves supply the pulpit.

Towards the end of the year the Rev. Alex. Connell, of London, Convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of the English

Presbyterian Church, visited Amoy and made addresses at several union meetings. These addresses we found very helpful, and we would gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to him and to the English Presbyterian Church for them. His visit is thankfully remembered by all the missions at Amoy.

In consequence of the absence of Rev. Wm. McGregor, on furlough in Scotland, the Theological School was closed for the year. I am happy to say that the school will be opened again this year. Several young men connected with our Mission expect to enter.

TONG-AN AND TONG-AN DISTRICTS.

REV. P. W. PITCHER in charge.

In this territory, some forty or fifty miles long, and twenty or thirty miles broad, having an estimated population of 600,000 souls, dotted here and there with chapels, at Tong-an, To-Kio, O-chi, Ngo-hian-keng, Poa-thau-chhi, Te-soa, Ang-Tung-thau and Te-thau, a small company of workers, composed of two ordained pastors and seven evangelists (or helpers) have faithfully endeavored another year to sow the seed, and to gather in such harvests as have appeared ripe for the reapers. Though the sowing has been far in excess of the reaping, yet they rejoice in the fact of much sowing. And there is also an unspeakable joy in the thought that while one sows and another reaps, in the end all will rejoice together.

Extent of the Field.

As mission fields go, this territory may be considered fairly well manned. But where at home will you find so large an area, with an equal population, so undermanned? These districts, lying just North of Amoy, detached from our wider field at Chiang-chiu and Sio-khe, have been under my supervision another year. When one considers that this parish is about equal in size to Dutchess County, New York, he will realize that, in connection with regular school duties, this supervision must have been necessarily very superficial.

Fortunate indeed has it been for the Mission, *Faithful Pastors.* that two such splendid men as Rev's. Li and Iu are over and in charge of the pastorates at Tong-an and Hong-san. If there has been any success it is due to these men and their assistants, though of the assistants it must be said they are not what we wish they were. Of the number of souls gathered in, and of the numerical and financial condition of these Churches, it will be sufficient to say here that there has been an increase in numbers, their liberality has been maintained, and their spirituality, I trust, deepened.

During the year one faithful comrade of this *A Fallen Comrade.* little company, Mr. Iu, a most promising young man, fell from the ranks, thus exchanging his cross for the crown. Early in the year he was appointed to the outstation at O-chi. At that time the plague was raging all over the Tong-an region, but more violently at O-chi than elsewhere. Yet with unflinching courage this young disciple responded to the call. In the latter part of May he was struck down, and in June, at the home of his brother (Rev. Iu) at Te-soa, joyfully passed into the presence and higher service of his Master above. Mr. Iu was a particularly promising young man, and of his grade had no peer, and we were all looking forward to the time when he could be ordained and inducted to the sacred office of the ministry. But it was not to be. He was a good preacher, commanding the praise of foreigner and native alike.

A child of Sin-koe-a Church, he very early consecrated his life to the Church at large. So preparing himself for this work he first of all passed through the parochial School at Sin-koe-a, then entered the Boys' Academy where he was a faithful student for four years. Then he passed on into the Theological Seminary where he remained two years. Probably no other man in our employ, or in connection with our Churches ever had the preparation that Mr. Iu had, and consequently none ever had so broad a foundation to build upon as he. Hence we feel our loss all the more. In 1895 he took up the work as an Evangelist at Ang-tung-thau, where he was stationed for two years. In 1897 he was transferred to Tong-an (proper) and in 1898 was appointed, as already stated, to the more difficult outpost at O-chi, whence, at the age of 28, he was summoned to the service in the Kingdom above.

Early in the year Classis appointed a committee composed of Rev. Ng and myself, to visit *The Opium Evil.* To-kio and examine the spiritual condition of that Church, in view of their request before classis to be allowed to call a pastor. Inasmuch as this committee found that two-thirds, or more than one-half, of the pastor's support would be derived from the profit of poppy cultivation, it could not see its way clear to recommend the building of a Church upon such stubble. Hence Classis refused to consider the request. Thus it will be seen that the old devil of opium still threatens the existence of the Tong-an Church—or at least this portion of it. The To-kio people have now come to us asking for the privilege of choosing their own evangelists, whom they promise to support.

It was my privilege, through the kindness of *Farthest North.* Rev. Mr. Thompson, who took my classes in the school, to visit a portion of my diocese never before visited, viz: Poa-thau-chhi. This is our farthest station North, and over fifty miles from Amoy. Over high mountains enriched with grand scenery the way leads to that small mountain locked hamlet. Such a journey itself, if nothing else, does one

good. It is refreshing, after being down in the valleys, to get a view from these lofty hilltops, where God's presence seems supremely manifest—a world of light and beauty, high above the lower levels where false gods and darkness and corruption abound.

Last year we took up the work more vigorously at Poa-thau-chhi by placing an evangelist in charge. That our efforts have not been altogether in vain is evidenced by the opposition raised by the enemies of the gospel, who did their best to get us to "move on." This difficulty, however, is now happily settled. There is a wide field about Poa-thau-chhi and we propose to station two men there in 1899.

To sum up the whole matter concerning
A Large Parish Tong-an let me again say that the place is
Waiting. worthy a resident missionary and family. And
 if any young man aspires to have a parish equal
 to Dutchess County, New York, here is his opportunity.

Hong-San The pastor and people of the Hong-san
Church. Church are moving forward and have not found
 their territory quite wide enough for them. The
 region about Hong-san is more confined than at Tong-an, and
 consequently it has been more difficult to abide by the rule of
 Comity of Missions under all circumstances. On the South-west-
 ern boundaries of the Hong-san region we join on to the L. M. S.
 territory. Near this boundary line is a small village called An-
 Khoe, said to be in our territory. Just across a small stream is
 another small village called E-tai, about one-third of a mile
 within the L. M. S. bounds, and where the L. M. S. have a chapel.
 Unbeknown to us, early in 1897 some of the brethren at Te-soa
 went to An-Khoe, and with their own funds rented a house, opened
 a chapel and conducted services there every Sabbath. Inasmuch
 as the three Missions, some three years ago, agreed not to open
 chapels within one mile of each other, I took measures as soon as
 I discovered it to have the Te-soa brethren move from An-Khoe
 as I considered it a violation of the agreement. For a long time
 they refused to do so, but finally decided to withdraw. Yet
 this does not solve the difficulty. Last fall the L. M. S. of-
 fered to hand over E-tai to us, as a possible solution of
 the problem, but on account of small numbers and curtailed
 finances we did not feel justified to accept.

SIO-KHE STATION.

Rev. L. W. Kip, D. D., Missionary in charge.

We begin with the largest Church, Sio-khe. Now that another year has gone, we can see marks of progress. For one thing the congregation is larger, and of course there is a corresponding number of members received. The number of women attending

is smaller. Sometimes a numerous family, or too great a distance, keeps some away. We may hope that some fifteen or twenty families have family worship. May their number increase.

The Sabbath services, with the repeating of the Commandments and Creed, and the responsive reading of the Psalms, give a pleasing variety and interest, as well as instruction, and we may note that the brethren and sisters are growing in Scripture knowledge.

Toa-lo-teng Church is at the other end of the valley. They have a large Church, and in a few years may be able to call a pastor. They are ministered to by a preacher, while the Slo-Khe pastor takes the oversight of the Church.

The Lam-sin Church is very well attended. The pastor can only give them one Sunday out of three, as he has two other places to look after. The Church is strong enough to support a pastor of its own, and desires to do so, but the other two Churches allied with it object, and think that they cannot alone hold up their end. The Church continues to grow, and believers are added from time to time. There is only one outstation, about three miles to the northward. It is situated in a small market place, and will hold some 25 to 30 hearers, and generally there are about 20 present.

The Poa-a Church is without a pastor and is ministered to by one of our best preachers. The Church is very full and the brethren do not know what to do, except to build a larger one for which they have already prepared the ground, and only lack the necessary funds.

It has three out stations.

Am-an is an out station of Poa-a, about 18 or 20 miles south. The work in this place was started under peculiar conditions. Two visits, of several days each, were made. In the last visit the Lam-sin pastor put so much of himself into his preaching that he went home sick. The chapel was opened with about 18 sterling men. This number is now doubled, so that no more can be accommodated. The people want to build, and will supply the ground if we, on our part, would give them, say \$600 gold, which would be ample for building a house, large enough for a large congregation.

Another outstation is Toa-Khe. The rent of the chapel expires this year, and it is not renewable. In other words we are turned out. So it is proposed to close the chapel temporarily, to be opened again at another place, about three miles from Am-an. This is a small market place, and the brethren have already fixed on it as a good place to which to move the chapel. We may therefore hope that a good house will be secured and worship restored in this new place.

BOYS' ACADEMY.

Rev. P. W. Pitcher, in charge.

Ng Ma-hui,	}	Native Assistants.
Tau Chhun-peng,		
Tio Eng-chheng,		

According to a statement made in last year's report, many of the boys were compelled to return to their homes and failed to come back. When the school closed for the year 1897 instead of having sixty-two in attendance there were only forty-five. Concerning seven of these boys who did not return we have no record. Two of them are still on the sick list, two became hospital students and six entered the English schools in this region.

We began the year 1898 with fifty enrolled students, there being nineteen in the entering class,—thirteen less than the year before. Of this number we have lost during the year two on account of sickness, two have become hospital students, four have felt obliged to leave for want of support and two entered the English school. The school will, therefore, close with only forty students, another loss of ten.

With numbers reduced at the beginning of the year and with these sources of constant leakage much of the pleasure of our work has been marred. [Mr. Pitcher dwells at considerable length upon the growing demand in China and in the Amoy region for education in English, and traces largely to the desire for such training the falling off in pupils of the better class. He expresses the opinion that this will continue unless the middle school is enabled to supply the demand, or, in some other way, provision is made for the young men connected with our Churches to study English. He also gives a history of various attempts made to establish Anglo-Chinese schools at Amoy. There is no doubt that the subject is one of importance, and it has received the careful consideration of the Board. It is hoped that the plan suggested by Mr. Pitcher and approved by the Committee may result in accomplishing the object in view.]

The work accomplished in the Academy during the past year has been on the whole satisfactory. Certainly I have never had more companionable assistants. We have been in entire accord and the discipline of the school has been excellent. The boys have kept in good health and spirits and the majority have worked hard, passing very excellent examinations. The final examinations took place from Jan. 16 to 24, and the closing exercises on the evening of the 24th.

Interest in the Y. P. S. C. E. has been maintained, and every Friday evening the members hold their regular prayer meeting. Besides this the boys have two other prayer meetings, one on Sunday and another on Thursday. "To have prayed well is to have studied well."

WOMAN'S WORK

IN THE AMOY DISTRICT.

By Miss K. M. Talmage.

Our work during the past year has been much crippled from lack of workers. The Tong-an region has felt greatly the loss of Misses Zwemer and Duryee. On a recent visit to that Church we were told by some of the women that "Tong-an has no blessed-

ness, no ladies come here to live, and other places all have." They had recently heard of the arrival of several new ladies to the English Presbyterian and other mission fields. Our hearts cannot but be saddened when we hear such remarks, and know how great is the need.

The country work has been very much neglected for want of time and strength to visit the stations. They have all been visited but not nearly as often as we could wish.

Several of the Churches have been very much tried by the removal by plague of many of their members. One woman said, with tears in her eyes, "I have lost three out of my family;" another, "I am left with two little grandchildren, their father and mother both gone;" one said "My husband has been taken and what am I to do." And so one after another have sad tales to tell of sickness and death during the past year.

**Woman's
Conference.**

After the close of the spring school term the three missions united in inviting the wives of the preachers, the Bible women, and school teachers to meet for a general conference. We had a very enjoyable week together, though the weather was exceedingly hot. It is most encouraging to see what Chinese women can do when educated and moved by the Holy Spirit.

**Primary Boys'
School.**

There have been 62 pupils this year attending the school, 52 the first term and 51 the second term.

The majority of the boys are twelve and over, and we have pupils 15, 16 and 17 years of age.

There have been many applications for admission into the school, but most of the new ones had to be refused for lack of accommodation. We have been very much cramped for room, because our dining room had to be torn down to give room for the new school building which is being put up close to the boy's school.

We have great cause for thankfulness that in all our schools we have been kept from serious illness. Several of the boys have lost relatives by the plague and other fevers. One his father, another his mother, another a mother, grandmother, uncle and cousin, so though the disease has not come into the school it has come very near to us.

Three boys who applied for admission but could not be accommodated, have died of the plague.

The boys have kept up their Friday evening prayer meeting which they conduct themselves. Being present not long since at one of their meetings, we were much pleased to see how intelligently they conducted the meeting, and how many were ready to take part. We feel that some of these lads are trying to follow their Saviour.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Girls' School. We have had 65 pupils in the school during the year, but on account of illnesses and other causes only 48 on the roll in the fall term. The teacher and matron have been very faithful, and the older pupils have given much assistance in teaching the younger classes. This work they have done very cheerfully, and it is good training to teach them when they leave school to be of use to others. On the whole satisfactory progress has been made by the pupils in their studies.

Spirit of Prayer. The spirit of prayer manifested in the school has caused us much thankfulness. At different times the girls have been found alone praying. On speaking to the native teacher upon the matter she explained that the girls often at recess time, or at other hours when free, went by themselves, alone, or in twos or threes to pray, that this was their own idea. Two of the girls united with the Church at the last communion season.

New Building. We are very grateful indeed for the gift of a new school building. We hoped to have moved into it at the beginning of 1899, but everything moves slowly in China and masons are no exception. The building will probably not be ready for use before the fall term when we hope to take great comfort in it.

Woman's School. The scholars as usual have been of all ages, from 15 to 65. The progress as a whole has been very satisfactory. The women come as a rule very ignorant, but go away with a fair knowledge of the life of Christ, and we trust realize more than before what a Saviour Christ is to those who trust in Him. The Sunday evening prayer meeting at the school has been kept up, and many earnest prayers have been offered by them for their relatives and friends who have not yet learned to love the Lord.

Hospital Work. Hospital visiting has been carried on regularly at both our mission hospital and the community hospital. The attendance of women on dispensing days, especially at the community hospital, has often been very large, sometimes sixty and seventy, or eighty, waiting to see the doctor. The opportunities for speaking to them have been very good, and the attention has been most gratifying. Many have seemed interested in hearing the "old, old story." The matrons and Bible women have done much good work in teaching the inpatients, many of whom have learned hymns, texts and the story of Jesus and His love for sinners. We feel that many of the women have gone back to their homes with a great desire to worship God.

"Church Messenger." The circulation of this paper is growing. There are now more than 1000 subscribers. The people seem to enjoy reading the paper, and chiefly through its instrumentality, under God's blessing, a little stolen child was found and restored to his parents.

Several children have been added to the *Children's Home*. "Home" this year, among them a little girl a month old brought to us last August from Sio-Khe. The mother was too ill to care for the child. The "Home" has cared for her until within a few days, when she was returned to her mother, who has recovered her health.

Ten of the children are day pupils in the girls' school.

During the year we have made additions to the building, adding a large wing, cheerful, bright, dining-room down stairs, and a bed-room above. The children were so crowded for room that these additions were necessary. We wish to thank all the kind friends of the "Home" for the interest and help they have given, which has made it possible to enlarge the building, as well as pay all the running expenses.

In closing we would again plead that our very great need of more workers be supplied, and would ask that every department of the work be remembered in prayer, that God would supply every need "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

SIO-KHE.

BY MRS. L. W. KIP.

Girls' School.

I am sorry not to be able to send a more cheerful report but the past year has been one of great trial to us, and we have lost our faithful teacher, Bi-a, through protracted illness.

During the summer we tried to get a teacher, but for a long time without success, as those we wished had other engagements or for some reason or other could not come. At last we engaged the wife of the helper at Thian-po. She had not been very long in school herself, but after her marriage her husband had insisted on her keeping on with her studies, so she now has a fair knowledge of Chinese character, and will be able to teach those not very far advanced. Her only child, a young infant, died just before school opened so she has no family ties. She has done well so far, and I hope we may be able to keep her.

I am sorry to say that the number of girls this last term has been smaller than usual, owing partly to the change of teachers as some of the older girls did not care to have a stranger, but the girl of nineteen from Toa-pi, who came for the first time last autumn, has been with us all the year, and pleased me very much by the diligence she showed, and desire to learn. This last term she brought a young sister with her, and a brother came to the boys' school, so that family at least seem to appreciate the benefit of an education. Would there were more like minded.

The usual meetings for women, on Wednesday, for those at Sio-khe, and on Sunday more especially for those from a distance, have been kept up, with visits to the Christians at their homes, and among the neighbors as opportunity offered.

Having no single lady at the station to help with the school, it was hard to get away for any length of time to the out stations, but short visits were made to all and after school closed I was able to spend some time visiting the villages around Lam-sin. The last Sunday I was there the women were so excited over a daring robbery that took place the night before that I could not keep their attention. A band of twenty well armed men came boldly to the shop in the town and carried off everything of value. Whenever a man appeared in the street he was fired on, and they were able to drive off the few badly armed soldiers sent to arrest them. It took place so near Church that the Chinese were wakened by the noise, but fortunately I slept through it, so was saved the shock to the nerves such a fright would give.

In the spring Tng-li-jin was visited. It is a comparatively new station opened within the last few years among the mountains north of Thian-po, and has been visited only by Miss K. Talmage and Miss Cappon.

Its situation is most romantic, high up on the mountain side and the road to it is through charming scenery, but being more than one day's journey from Leng-soa the nearest station, two nights must be spent at inns or native houses and they are not enjoyable. At Tng-li-jin we found a little company of Christians, cared for by one of our most earnest preachers, who is a native of the place and we spent a very pleasant Sabbath among them. One of the Christians is an old woman over 80 years old, grandmother of the preacher baptized by Mr. Studley.

We also visited a village hidden away among the hills, several miles from Tng-li-jin, where we have a small preaching place. There I was soon surrounded by a crowd of women who had never seen a white woman before, and they listened attentively while I tried as simple as possible to tell them the way of Salvation. The one who seemed the most interested was an old woman, a sorceress by profession, whom we met on the way, and who followed us for half a mile or more.

It was a strange sight to see this old wrinkled woman, truly witch-like in appearance, listening intently to what I said, and then repeating it in the peculiar dialect of the place to the other women, accompanied with emphatic nods, and gestures, as if she would impress upon them the truth of what was said. Who knows but the Holy Spirit may touch her heart, and some light may shine in her darkened mind. We are often discouraged by the indifferent, apathetic way in which our message is received, so it is joy to see an interested listener.

MEDICAL WORK.

Preparation for Building.

BY DR. J. A. OTTE.

Upon returning to Amoy in 1896, it was our purpose to build on the site of the old English Presbyterian Hospital at Tek-chhiu-kha, on the Amoy city side of the harbor. But the ground proved so treacherous there, it was found that it

would be necessary to drive some two or three thousand dollars worth of piles. More than that, on account of a large open sewer, fouler than any of the other foul sewers of Amoy, close to one side, the situation was very unsanitary. As the U. S. Consul Gen. Del. Kemper, had offered us a very good site on the Kolongsu side of the harbor, it was decided to accept this and build there. This becoming known, some interested parties objected to a hospital being built on this spot. It was, therefore, decided to purchase a site about three fourths of a mile farther up the harbor, also on the Kolongsu (island) side. After the purchase money had been paid, the Chinese officials decided that the site purchased belonged to the Chinese government. The money was, therefore, returned, and the ground rented from the government. Thus after numerous delays, we were finally able to begin building.

A few months after this, in October, 1897, a dispensary and hospital was opened in the old building at Tek-chhiu-kha. These have been continued ever since.

Hope Hospital Finished and Opened.

April the 27th, 1898, the main hospital was finally finished, and patients taken in. Since then the work has been continuous. All the out-patients, except the women and children seen by Dr. Tribe, are seen at the Dispensary in the old place on the Amoy city side at Tek-chhiu-kha. There are three wards attached to this Dispensary accommodating twenty-nine patients. Male patients not clean enough for Hope Hospital are admitted to these wards. In this way we are able to separate the desirable patients from those less so.

Hope Hospital is a substantial two story brick structure, situated on the water's edge, and at high tide, surrounded on three sides by water. It contains a chapel, dining-room, kitchen, two servants' rooms, office, dispensary, dark room for eye work, two store-rooms, bath-rooms, operating-room, school-room, four students' rooms, and seven wards in which are forty-five beds. Medicines, bedding and dressings are furnished free ; while the patients pay 54 cash (2½ cents U. S. currency) for their rice, but provide whatever other food they may desire.

Netherlands Woman's Hospital.

Through the liberality of kind friends in the Netherlands, money was raised for a Woman's Hospital, separate from the main hospital. This institution is also supported by these friends, who have formed themselves into a corporate body bearing the name of "Netherlands Society for Building and Maintaining Missionary Hospitals in China."

The Woman's Hospital is situated at the back and to one side of the main building. It is an entirely separate institution though built in the same general style. It contains four wards, two students' and nurses' rooms, dispensary, bath-rooms, etc., etc. There are twenty-five beds, so that all together there are in the two hospitals and the dispensary just ninety-nine beds with room for at least six more.

Sixty of these beds can be supported by individuals or societies, viz: forty-five in the main hospital and twenty-five in the woman's hospital. During 1898 twenty-two beds were thus supported. It is our hope and prayer that during 1899 all the beds may be provided for. Thirty-five dollars will pay for the support of a bed for one year.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT.

Patients admitted to the hospital—Male.....	815
“ “ “ “ “ Female.....	159
New names on register—Males.....	3251
“ “ “ “ “ Females.....	1304
Return visits.....	7753
Visits to patients in their homes.....	565
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Total.....	13,847
Surgical Operations.....	673
Teeth extracted.....	154

Owing to a paucity of workers the evangelistic work in the hospitals has suffered greatly. The foreign force of the Amoy Mission is so small that, except among the women, it has been impossible to do very much. This is one of the saddest of our last year's experiences, and what is more, unless reinforcements are sent out, it must continue so. To see so many opportunities lost is almost unbearable. What, though men are physically benefitted, if their souls remain in the dark slough in which heathenism has placed them, does the Church gain? But not only has it been impossible for the foreign missionaries to do much evangelistic work in the hospital, thus far it has been impossible to obtain a native evangelist for the position.

In the Woman's hospital and among the female out-patients much work has been done.

Miss Talmage and others have been unremitting in their efforts to bring spiritual comfort into the lives of these patients. We have been also very fortunate in obtaining an excellent native Bible woman, who in season and sometimes even out of season, has left nothing undone for the temporal and spiritual benefits of the patients.

Nine male and four female students have received instruction when time could possibly be found for this work. Students are required to remain with us for five years without pay, during this time acting as assistants, dressers and dispensers. On account of having so much building to do during the past year, it has been impossible to teach them systematically, but we hope it will be possible to find more time for this during the year we have just entered upon. Within the last twelve months two of the students left us, one having completed his studies, and the other, having nearly finished his course, was permitted to leave.

A few months ago Dr. E. Tribe very kindly consented to see female out-patients until our own lady physician comes out, which, we hope, will be early in the fall of 1899.

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ORGANIZED IN 1854.

The Mission occupies :

The North Arcot District.—Area, 5,017 square miles; } population about 3,000,000.
 The South Arcot District.—Area, 4,078 square miles; }

Missionaries.—Rev. Jared W. Scudder, D.D., *Palmaner*; Jacob Chamberlain D.D., *Madanapalle*; John Scudder, D.D., *Vellore*; John H. Wyckoff, *Tindivanam*; Ezekiel C. Scudder, *Arni*; Louis R. Scudder, M.D., *Ranipettai*; Lewis B. Chamberlain, *Madanapalle*; James A. Beattie, *Chittoor*; Henry Huizinga, *Ranipettai*; Henry J. Scudder, *Vellore*; and Mr. William H. Farrar, *Arni*.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. J. W. Scudder, Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. John Scudder, Mrs. J. H. Wyckoff, Mrs. E. C. Scudder, Mrs. L. R. Scudder, Mrs. L. B. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. A. Beattie, Mrs. H. Huizinga, Mrs. H. J. Scudder, Mrs. W. H. Farrar, Miss Julia C. Scudder, Miss M. Kitty Scudder, Miss Lizzie von Bergen, Miss Louisa H. Hart, M.D.

In America.—Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Chamberlain.

Native Pastors, 12; Other native helpers (unordained), 208; Native helpers (female), 115; Total of native helpers, 335.

Boarding Schools (*Boys*'), 4; scholars, 340; (*Girls*'), 3; scholars, 193; Theological Seminary, 1; students, 36. Total, schools, 8; scholars, 539.

Day Schools, 156; scholars, 5,882.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1898.

STATIONS.	Out stations.		Churches	Communicants, 1897	Communicants, 1898	Baptized Adults, not Communicants	Baptized Children.	Total Congregation, 1897	Total Congregation, 1898.	Sunday Schools	Scholars.			Contributions.		
											Boys.	Girls.	Totals.			
Arcot.....	33	2	339	362	275	603	1870	2042	99	674	354	928	Rs.	A.	P.	
Arni.....	20	6	309	288	154	351	976	1007	21	430	236	725	454	12	0	
Chittoor.....	15	1	97	163	76	167	424	626	16	267	208	475	462	2	6	
Coonoor.....	1	1	101	99	40	94	242	248	4	85	60	145	229	2	1	
Madanapalle.....	16	1	142	161	139	238	791	790	13	340	215	555	528	10	0	
Palmaner.....	1	1	57	52	2	41	136	106	3	64	63	127	252	2	7	
Tindivanam.....	25	2	596	620	99	704	2041	2063	38	555	230	785	737	11	3	
Vellore.....	30	5	566	554	181	630	1921	2024	22	666	215	681	708	0	8	
Total.....	150	24	2306	2304	966	2922	8411	8944	156	2961	1640	4621	4169	8	10	

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In some respects it has been a trying year; famine, and famine prices, have prevailed most of the time, and there has been a good deal of distress among our people. Many have left their villages to seek a livelihood elsewhere, and some have been bought up by the Romanists. The want of spirituality among them is deplored. But what can you expect of those who have had to give their whole mind and time to the object of keeping soul and body together. Christ fed the multitude before he instructed them, and had we first been able to supply the daily wants of our people, perhaps we could have recorded a better state of things. An empty stomach is a poor foundation for the truth. We were able to relieve some of the most distressing cases, and thus save many lives, by the funds kind friends sent us from America. We tender them our most hearty thanks for their timely aid.

Cholera, the handmaid of famine, has also been in our midst. Arni was especially afflicted. Two different outbreaks occurred among the Christians, and several of them became its victims.

The plague thus far has been mercifully kept from us.* But the "plague and inoculation scare," so terrified the inhabitants, that it interfered with our work and made the appearance of the missionary doubly unwelcome in their villages.

Notwithstanding these and other obstacles the work has progressed favorably. There has been an advance all along the line. The statistics show an increase in almost every particular and we have reason to "thank God and take courage."

The outlook before us, with one exception, is very bright. Famine no longer threatens us. The splendid rains of the past monsoon have changed the face of the land, so that "every prospect pleases," and the people are prosperous and hear the Word gladly. God has opened up new fields before us, and bids us enter; and numbers are stretching out their hands to the Gospel, inciting us to renewed efforts, but a dark cloud has arisen which casts a fearful shadow over our path, and we know not whither we shall go.

*This has ceased to be true since the report was written. The plague has made its appearance in many places throughout the district. In some places, Vellore for example, cases have been numerous and fatal.

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Retrenchment.

Our Board has been compelled from the want of funds, to reduce our estimates by over Rs. 10,000 leaving us a sum far insufficient to carry on the work even on its present basis. This means reduction, amputation, death. Already the knife has been applied, and some weak limbs lopped off, but we fear that still more vigorous ones will have to be sacrificed. If it is heart-rending to sacrifice a diseased member, what must it be to amputate those that are strong, healthy, and useful? Our hearts are filled with sadness and we know not what to do, but must commit the matter to the hands of Him whose servants we are. He can bring light out of darkness, and perhaps use it as a means of blessing to the Native Church, by arousing them to greater efforts in their own behalf.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

STATIONS.	Preaching			Zenana and Bible Women's Work.		
	Places.	Times.	Hearers.	Boys.	Times.	Hearers.
Arcot.....	5,902	13,451	159,961	69	4,478	12,484
Arni.....	746	1,880	41,003	32	3,060	5,982
Chittoor.....	5,266	8,979	109,457	48	1,143	5,650
Coonoor.....	22	26	1,155	..	..	..
Madanapalle.....	4,802	7,552	114,498	70	2,133	3,517
Palmanur.....	409	682	15,066	83	3,941	12,038
Tindivanam.....	3,263	7,302	103,565	276	6,684	7,778
Vellore.....	5,231	11,004	190,025	160	2,752	19,361
Total in 1896	35,731	51,086	733,715	743	34,160	65,765

A New Thing in Evangelistic Work

For the first time in the history of our Mission, the whole time of one of our number has been devoted to this most important work. The Missionaries in charge of stations are so much occupied in looking after the interests of their fields, education work, the care of the village congregations and schools, that they are unable to engage in this work as much as they could wish. Still they improve every opportunity to reach the heathen while on their tours among the Christian villages. All the helpers are required to do more or less of street preaching, and by these various means a greater number of persons has been reached than in some former years.

Rev. H. Hulzinga reports as follows :—

It is a new thing in our Mission to have a Missionary devote his whole time for a year to touring among the heathen villages. Arcot Taluk has long been neglected, and as no other definite work demanded my attention, I was appointed to preach in those villages.

As soon as we got home from the Annual Mission Meeting, I took my tents and pitched them seven miles from home. I had five helpers, of whom one was newly converted, and since then

has gone back to heathenism; one was a lascar who could do service in carrying the books we had for sale, one was a weakling in mind and body, one was well versed in the Hindu Shastras, if not in the New Testament, and one was really a very earnest and effective preacher. We worked hard during the first tour, always on the road at 5.30 a. m. I scarcely ever rode into camp before 12 noon while my helpers did not return until an hour or so later.

We were well received, somewhat to my surprise, and in some places the people seemed moved by our words. They promised to consider the question that we presented to them and some seemed almost ready to accept our message. I am less sanguine now, and not so easily moved by such fair speech, but I doubt not that, with God's blessing many in those parts may be led to turn to the Saviour.

And thus the work went on from day to day and from month to month, only with a great many interruptions. Once, indeed, the tents were out 52 days and some of the helpers remained in camp all that time, while the longest continuous stay I made was 21 days. The work was a little monotonous at times, yet new incidents turned up constantly, and often special opportunities arose of witnessing for Christ to individuals. My staff was replaced from time to time by better preachers. The two boys who were sent to me from the Vellore College did good work.

Results Delayed. We were enabled to go a second time through nearly all the villages in the field assigned to us, and this was at any rate as interesting as the first. We really hoped to reap some fruit on this trip, but were greatly disappointed to find that two large paracherries, lying close together, which had promised us faithfully to become Christians, had gone over to Roman Catholicism to a man. We made as much as possible of selling Bible portions and tracts, sometimes selling forty in one village, which I consider perhaps the best part of our work. We have preached in more than 1,000 places to more than 50,000 hearers, and have sold nearly 1,000 Bible portions and tracts, and we ask, with what result? To my knowledge not a village has thrown away its idols through our preaching. Whether it is that the field has been so long neglected, or that we are incompetent, or that the Lord is withholding His blessing, or perhaps that it is yet too soon to look for results—yet we have faith in the promise, "He shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him."

Rev. J. A. Beattie, of Chittoor, writes:—

Many New Villages.

The new territory handed over to us by the Hermannsburg Evangelical Lutheran Mission was explored during the year, and we find that many villages have been added to our field. They are in back regions, unacquainted with the Gospel and so unaccustomed to visitors that it was sometimes difficult to tell whether the pigs or

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Dr. John Scudder writes :

Several tours have been made by the helpers from Vellore beyond the reach of their homes. All the villages within a radius of four miles of the Christian villages have been visited again and again. The Christian students connected with the Y. M. C. A. and C. E. Societies have been very active and conscientious in publishing the good tidings in and around Vellore. Nearly every Sunday 3 or 4 bands consisting of about 10 students each accompanied often by one of the teachers, or Rev. John Scudder and Rev. H. J. Scudder, have gone to villages 1 to 3 miles distant to tell them of Christ and His love.

MEDICAL WORK.

Rev. L. R. Scudder, M. D., writes:—

The statistics for the hospital for the first *Ranipet Hospital.* time in a number of years show a falling off in the number of patients. There is a decrease of 1,028 out-patients and 69 in-patients. This is due almost entirely to the "plague scare." It can be called by no other name. It is almost a panic. The most absurd stories about plague and government's connection with it, and the most incredible tales about inoculation and its effects are circulated in every town and hamlet and believed by high and low alike. Not one in a thousand can be found to contradict them. It is believed that government is using the plague to kill off a large proportion of the population of India and they have actually fixed the rate that government pays its medical men for every case killed by them. No figures, showing how much government is expending daily to prevent the plague getting a foothold in the Madras Presidency, have the slightest effect on them. To such an extent do they carry this belief that they will not allow their temperature to be taken or even allow the pulse to be felt for fear that the finger touch will kill them. And as for taking European medicines they would prefer to cut their own throats. Even government's most intelligent efforts to segregate and disinfect are resisted by the people. The word "inoculation" is enough to create a panic. With this state of feeling it is not at all strange that our numbers have fallen off. I feel that it speaks well for our work that they have fallen off so little. Even our own Christians who know us well, have stayed away from the hospital for fear that they would be forcibly inoculated if they came to us. It is not strange then that others who do not know us so well should have stayed away also. The fright is now however declining and people are coming back in larger numbers. As usual our funds have been very low indeed and we have had to refuse admission to many who deserved treatment. The statistics show that we have treated 12,232 out-

patients and 650 in-patients. The average daily attendance has been 55.62 and 21.72 respectively. 781 surgical operations have been performed.

***The Women's
Side.***

Dr. Hart has continued her work on the women's side and has had charge of the lying-in hospital. In the latter institution there have been 80 in-door cases and 22 out-door. Of these 27 have been operative cases. On her work she reports as follows: "I have found the people usually very willing to accept our treatment, be under our care and to take the Gospel that daily goes along with it. Our Sunday afternoon meeting with the in-patients does not lose in interest although nearly every Sunday the audience is somewhat changed, the new comers as a rule seem glad to attend, and the old ones are able to tell them more or less of what they heard the previous week. During the year several women were obliged to be with us over a month, and towards the last of their stay, seemed to show a real interest in our teachings and a desire to learn more. None of them took any decided stand but went away to their villages carrying with them many Bible stories and truths stored up in their minds at least.

"In the maternity hospital the work has been going on steadily since the giving of diet in July, from the Olivet mother's mission they would otherwise be allowed by government, twenty-five have been received and found it much more to their well-being, than it might have been had they not been so privileged. They have averaged eleven days of waiting each and the total expenditure to date has been about \$12. If those at home could only see how these out here are helped and how they appreciate that which is being done for them, woman's work for woman in such practical ways would receive a great impetus."

WORK AMONG WOMEN.

There has been an advance in this work also. 56 more houses have opened their doors to the Gospel, and the workers have told the sweet story of old 5,939 more times to 9,652 more persons than last year.

Of this work in Arcot Miss M. K. Scudder writes:—

A meeting of the zenana workers has been begun, where they tell of their difficulties and encouragements, and repeat questions propounded to them that are hard to answer. They seem to feel these meetings a stimulus and help. Through aid from a friend in America they are being supplied with a few religious books to leave alternately in the houses for the Hindu women, who can do so, to read between their visits. The conversations our zenana workers repeat, shew, on the part of some of their hearers, an earnest desire to know the truth. May we not hope that the truth will make them free; free from their superstitions, their ignorance, their folly and their sin.

Mrs. E. C. Scudder writes:—

Our Bible woman, Ruth, visits in thirty-seven houses, and as I went here and there with her recently, I discovered with pleasure that the chief thing the women expected us to do was to read from the Bible and talk to them "about God." Only this year has this been a result of Bible woman's work in Arni. In other years both teacher and taught have rather tried to avoid religious talk when I went with the teachers, and have much preferred to discuss ordinary lessons or fancy work. The first Bible woman in Arni began about 1884 by teaching fancy work, and that has until recently been, so to speak, the fee our women have paid to get into the house and talk with the Hindu women. I am very much encouraged to find that Ruth has made her Bible teaching the chief thing, her women expect from her.

Miss von Bergen, of Madanapalle, writes :—

In the town of Madanapalle itself the work continues to progress encouragingly. The high caste women taught by Esther Jula have made considerable progress in reading and in their understanding of Scripture. Until within the last three months, when the plague inoculation scare so possessed the people that it became almost an impossibility to effect an entrance into any of the houses, the work prospered, and even during the panic Esther managed to do some work, though hampered by the fears and prejudices of the people. She is worthy of commendation for her faithful, persistent and painstaking work. Even now there is considerable fear and suspicion and in a few houses we are only received on sufferance. Rebecca, who is a Bible reader among the lower caste women of Madanapalle, is doing a good work among them. She also visits the hospital every Sabbath and there tells the Gospel message to such patients as she finds will listen.

One woman under Rebecca's instruction (a low caste widow) has expressed the desire to become a Christian, and after many talks with her and several visits from me she went so far as to come to my bungalow for an interview:—but her relatives interfered and so frightened her that she has not ventured to come again, and now scarcely dares receive Rebecca into her house. But we still hope and pray that she may be given the faith and courage to confess Christ boldly.

A certain woman in one of the villages very much desired to possess some of the Gospel pictures which I exhibited from time to time on my visits there, and repeatedly asked me for some, but when I found that she had on the walls of her house a number of objectionable idolatrous pictures, I consented to give her some of mine only on condition that she remove hers, explaining that my pictures could not hang beside such. She repeatedly promised to remove them and rumors came to me that she had done so. So I took several pictures with me to Piler to give to her. I found, however, that she had not removed her heathen pictures, so I refused to give her any of mine. My refusal seemed to decide

her, for she immediately took down the pictures and tore them in shreds before me, whereupon I presented her with the ones she so much coveted. An insignificant act this may seem, but it took some courage on her part to destroy what she had treasured, in the presence of many of her neighbors whom curiosity had brought to the spot, and who stood about ready to jeer at her.

Mrs. Wyckoff, of Tindivanam, gives interesting extracts from the reports of her Bible women, and writes:—

It was a gratification to me to accompany my husband on his autumn tours. In two villages I was able to redeem a promise made a year previous to caste women who had looked wistfully at us as we passed them by, that another year we would come purposely to see them too, God willing. One does not come away exultant from such a visit. The novelty of your coming, your person, your appearance fills the mind of your hearers; while you, seated on a bench or a chair, perhaps in the street or in the court-yard of a house, are oppressed even as you look into their smiling faces, with the seeming impossibility of awakening any thirst for the water of life, or imparting any knowledge of the giver of that water of life in that one interview, and your heart melts with sadness over it. Is it not in the heart of God that there shall be more of us here to make such visits oftener? During our second tour we made the experiment of going out en famille with the large tent, taking our daughter and a little nephew as well. After two nights spent in Orattur church we camped in pleasant groves in Gundupuliyur and Annaiyur, but before the 3rd encampment the monsoon rains had begun and so the women and children of the party, on the 8th day out, returned hastily to Tindivanam. In Annaiyur Mrs. Sawyer and I started out into the town with the little organ one afternoon, but found all down one street the doors shut against us, and the place seemingly deserted. A few steps further on, however, the shade of a tamarind tree invited us to stop, and we were soon surrounded by men, women and children, and some half-scornful faces became serious long before we were through with the messages the lyrics gave us for them. The next day an educated man from a small village $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant, came and asked as a favor that we come over to them with our organ and repeat our talk; and this we were able to do for a couple of hours.

Mrs. John Scudder, of Vellore, writes of one of her Zenana women:—

She wins her way readily, and I trust may be the means of reaching many women who have never before heard the Gospel message. She finds many who would like to be taught fancy work, but we do not wish much time to be occupied in this way. A number of young women who formerly attended our schools continue their studies and seem much interested in their Bible lessons. 105 houses have been visited, some of them regularly throughout the year, and from these pupils Rs. 16-8-0 have been collected in fees.

It is encouraging. when even a small sum of money is given by parents, to enable girls to continue their education, at home. Other houses have only been visited occasionally.

The Christian women continue to give as they are able to the Women's Gospel Extension Society, and this year their contributions amounted to Rs. 36-9-0. We have tried to interest the wives of village helpers, but fear they do not realize their duty in trying to help others ; nearly all have given something, however, and a number of the village women have sent limes and grain to be sold for the benefit of the society. With the return of good seasons, and more prosperity we trust all will be more ready to give.

I have seldom been more touched than during a visit to a small village, on a very rainy day, when the women and children brought "what they could." One old woman, wearing the poorest of clothing, brought a little bundle of wood, another a single broom, and others a few vegetables. Surely He who so commended the giver of the widow's mite, will receive and bless these offerings, and will teach these poor people to truly desire to serve Him.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are 156 of these schools, the same number as last year, but the number of scholars is 189 less. Still there are 4,621 children under instruction and more than half of them heathen, in whose minds we have endeavored to plant the seeds of divine truth, which we trust by God's blessing will produce fruit in due time.

Tamil lyrics, lessons taken from the life of Christ, and Bible verses applicable to the lessons have been taught. It is a pleasure to hear the children repeat their Bible verses and sing lustily if not musically the Gospel hymns and lyrics. They are especially interested when object-lessons are used to illustrate the truths taught.

In one station each lesson has been struck off on the cyclostyle and the pupils write on the blank places provided for the answers. Prizes are distributed quarterly to those who present the best papers, and a banner is held for the succeeding quarter by the class that has done best the last quarter. The results in the knowledge and interest of the pupils have been so gratifying that the system is to be continued, by decision of the officers, though it entails much more work for them.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The sales under the head of religious books and tracts are a little in advance of last year, 7,261 having been sold for Rs. 200-7-10, but the sale of school books is considerably less ; only 3,607 having been sold for Rs. 225-2-5.

Both Rev. J. W. Scudder, D. D., and Rev. *In Preparation.* Jacob Chamberlain, D. D., are devoting much time to producing new literature for the benefit of the native Church; the former in connection with his work in the Theological Seminary.

Dr. Scudder writes:—

***Theology and
Romans.***

During the last four years I have given what time I could to the preparation of a work on Theology, and also of a Commentary on Romans in the Tamil language. The Theology is now in press, and will be issued in two or three months. I trust it will prove useful not only in our own institutions, but in other places as well. The Commentary on Romans is done only in part. I hope to have it also printed in due course.

The Board of Superintendents of the Seminary, at their meeting in December, referring to the former work, expressed their pleasure at seeing the first half of Dr. Scudder's Tamil Lectures on Theology as delivered during the past four years, printed and on the table for use, and rejoice that the whole work is (D. V.) to be completed and published during the early part of the coming year. This will be an inestimable boon to our own students, and to all others who wish, for use in Tamil, a staunch and vigorous system of Didactic Theology.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain writes:—

***Vernacular Bible
Dictionary.***

The work to which the mission and our Board have directed me to give my chief attention, is the preparation of a well illustrated Vernacular Bible Dictionary, written from an Oriental standpoint, for Oriental people, for which I have been making preparation for many years. It was felt that no Bible Dictionary, however excellent, prepared for Occidental people, translated into the languages of India, could meet the requirements of our Indian Christians, as, the Bible being an Oriental Book, the things which need the most elucidation for Occidentals require the least for Orientals, and vice versa.

The method pursued in the work is to read over carefully what is said on each subject in a number of the best Bible Dictionaries published in England and America, and in other works on Bible lands, and, comparing it with notes made by myself during four months of travel and sojourn in the Land of the Book for the purpose, with note book in hand, let it digest till the following day, and then dictate in Telugu to a rapid writing amanuensis what it seems to me that Indian Christians and seekers need and desire to know on each subject, giving only the results of the latest researches, and the most accepted conclusions.

About 300 articles have been thus prepared, extending from "Alpha" to the "Hebrews." It is hoped that, if health be continued, the first volume may be given to the press in Telugu during the coming year. It is, later, to be issued in Tamil as well, preparation for which is going on, following the Telugu. No

manuscript is prepared in English at all, so that it may be purely Oriental in its conception, and not translation.

The American Tract Society has had manufactured for this work, at an expense of over Rs. 3,000, and donated, a set of new electrotypes engravings, illustrations and maps, numbering 376, which are at hand, ready for use.

**Telugu
Hymn-Book.**

During the year I have also brought out a new edition, the fourth, of "Telugu hymns in English metres," preparing newly about one-fifth additional hymns, printing also, with the music, a few chants, as an appendix. The preparation of the additional hymns and carrying the book through the press has taken considerable time and labor, but it has been blessed labor in attempting to aid in the intelligent and hearty hymning of the praises of our Lord.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, D. D., Principal, and General Synod's Professor of Theology, writes :

Naturally this institution does not afford material for a long report. Of the four classes into which its students are supposed to be divided, only three were in operation during 1898, viz., the Senior, the Upper Middle and the Junior. In the first there were five members, in the second four, and in the third only one. The Lower Middle Class was potentially existent, but could be represented only by a cipher. We need more students in the institution than our own Mission is, at present, in a position to supply.

**Change in
Teachers.**

At the beginning of the year, the staff of native teachers was changed. Messrs. Solomon and Daniel, who had been connected with the Seminary for many years, were honorably dismissed, and their places were filled by Mr. E. Savarirayan, B. A., and Rev. E. Tavamani, the latter being a graduate of the Seminary. Naturally we felt some anxiety as to the outcome of this change to untried men. It gives me much pleasure to say that the results of the year's teaching have abundantly proved the qualifications of the new teachers to successfully fill the positions they occupy ; and I cordially add my congratulations to those already addressed to them by the Board of Superintendents.

The five members constituting the Senior **Graduating Class.** class were graduated from the Seminary on December 21st. Having passed an excellent examination they were granted, by vote of the Board of Superintendents, Professor's certificates of graduation. They will appear presently before the Classis of Arcot to be examined as candidates for the Ministry ; and, if successful, as I doubt not they will be,

will receive licenses to be preachers of the Gospel. We shall watch their future course with deep interest, and with earnest prayer that they may by God's grace prove themselves eminently worthy of the high vocation to which they have been called.

Lay Class. The Lay class was made up of fourteen pupils, seven from our own Mission, and an equal number from the Free Church of Scotland Mission. Its record for the year is particularly good. The young men, without exception, did capital work, responding enthusiastically to the enthusiasm of their teachers.

The presence of students from a sister Mission has been a great gratification to us ; and we are looking forward with pleasure to having a goodly number of pupils from the same source in the coming year. We shall gladly receive candidates from other Missions as well. Our teaching staff is ample for much larger classes than any we have hitherto had in the institution, and we heartily desire to have them filled out by students from abroad. We can honestly promise a thorough course of instruction and paternal care to all who may come.

Practical Training. As a useful supplement to their studies, members of the upper classes are permitted to exercise their preaching power in the Church and in the Prayer Meeting ; while all the students go regularly into the town and adjacent villages, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to proclaim the Gospel to their non-Christian countrymen. Thus they are practically as well as scholastically trained for their prospective work as messengers of the truth.

Miss J. C. Scudder writes:—

Bible Women's Class. With the Pastor's wife who joined this year the class has a membership of twelve women. Five of them have just completed their course of four years' study and will accompany their respective husbands to their fields of labor appointed by the Mission. These women have done good work, and as we look back over the years since they first arrived we see a higher tone in spirituality, a decided growth in character, and we give unto the Lord the praise due unto His name. One of the women leaves the class after being a scholar for three years, because her husband, who is a school teacher, leaves the station. The studies for the year have been partly in the Old and partly in the New Testament, both Historical and Biblical. The women have attended very regularly in spite of much fever and illness among them, and the Board of Superintendents pronounced the examination held on the 21st of December, satisfactory.

ARCOT MISSION COLLEGE.

Rev. H. J. Scudder writes :—

Trying Opposition. Very unexpectedly it devolves upon me to write the first report of the Arcot Mission College, whose first year of existence, in the capacity of a College, ends with December, 1898. The year has been

a very trying one in many ways, but especially in connection with a rival school and its supporters, who made every effort, fair and unfair, to infringe upon our province and to draw our students away. Of the notices and large posters, the schemes and compulsions, as well as the influence of officialdom and of prejudice, resorted to, in order to build up the rival school at our expense, nothing special need be said. The particular record of these items would fill a volume. Hours of time have been necessarily expended, as a result of senseless and unhealthy rivalry.

One of the forms that the opposition to the Institution assumed, was to discourage students from joining the newly formed College Class. Every imaginable means was used to make it impossible for the Junior F. A. class to be opened. But, notwithstanding all opposition, a pleasant class of 8 students was formed, and they have been doing excellent work, during the year. At the end of the first term, one of the students was compelled to leave so that we have the perfect number Seven. In contrast with this humble number, the next lower class, has had a strength of 50 and more during the year.

At the end of the first term, some of the prominent native officials,—who all but over-stepped their bounds as government servants, in their zeal against us,—were transferred, and peace and quiet were again gradually resumed. The non-recognition of the rival school, on account of its irregularities, was also instrumental in quieting the troubled waters.

This Institution is divided into three Departments, each with its particular head:—

Departments.

First.—The College Department consisting of the Senior and Junior F. A. Classes under the supervision of the principal.

Second.—The Upper School, consisting of five classes which are termed Forms (II. to VI). On account of the strength of these Forms, 3 sections of the II. and III. Forms and 2 of the IV., have been necessary, thus making a total of ten classes. The strength of this Department was 309 in January, and 347 on the 13th of December, the date of closing for the year, making a total increase of 38.

Third.—The Lower School, consisting of six classes, namely, Infant Class to I. Form inclusive. The students of these classes are sub-divided into 19 sections. In order to provide room for the College Classes, the I. Form was transferred in March from the Upper School to the Lower School premises, where 5 new class rooms had been erected for this special purpose, by the Landlord. The strength of this Department was 620 in January, and 657 on the 14th of December,—the last school day of the year.

Thus the College closed with a total strength of 1,004 on the rolls—the largest number in its history. The net increase for the year was 75. The average number on the rolls for the year was 931, and the average attendance 774.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

**Literary
Societies.**

Very encouraging interest has been taken in the two Literary Societies, Senior and Junior, this year, and Debates or Essays with discussions thereon, have been regularly held. Through the energetic efforts of the Second Assistant, the second of these Societies was organized, and is known as the Juvenile Literary Society. On December 12th, 1898, the first Anniversary Exercises, of the combined Societies, that have ever been held, took place. The event was a most successful one, and many of the European and Native community honored the occasion by their presence.

Lecture Course.

In order to broaden the minds of the students by directing their attention to historical and scientific subjects, and with a desire to give them a general outlook on the progress of affairs in science, politics, etc., a course of Lectures or "Talks," on Friday evening of each week, was instituted. Much interest has been taken in these lectures, and they have been greatly appreciated by both teachers and taught. Several of the twenty lectures were on distinctly religious subjects, and these were listened to with interest and attention. The effect of this course of lectures, has been excellent. It has created a pride in the College, and has established a closer and pleasanter relationship between the teachers and students, as well as acting as an incentive to more general reading and research.

**Scripture
Instruction.**

The Bible has been faithfully and regularly taught during the year. Various changes have caused interruptions and delays, so that I do not feel satisfied with the work of the year. I have had charge of the combined Junior F. A. class, and the VI Form, making a class of about 60 students. It has been most difficult to get the students to study well, but I have had the opportunity of giving many direct talks on the message of Love, and the Life and Teachings of Him for whose sake and glory the College exists.

I have had the opportunity and time to meet with, and speak personally to, but a few of the non-Christian students during the year, and I have longed for time to devote to such work.

The desire to deliver a course of Sunday afternoon lectures in the College, has also been strong, but time and strength have not permitted it.

The importance of doing purely spiritual work among the Hindu lads is very great, and may the Board soon be able to set apart a man especially for this work.

BOARDING SCHOOLS.

	No. of Schools		No. of Teachers						Pupils									
	Boys	Girls	Christians		Others		Theological	Normal		Other Board's		Day Pupils				Total		
			Males	Females	Males	Females		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Christian Boys	Others	Christian Girls	Others	Boys	Girls	
Arcoot.....		1		5				3		51	36			3	3	101		
Amal.....	1		5		3										55			
Chittoor.....		1	1	4				9		43							53	
Coonoor.....																		
Madanapalle.....	1	1	4	6	5					37	32	13	40	8	90	40		
Palmaner.....	1		3	1	1		38								38			
Tindivanam.....	1		1							68					68			
Vellore.....	1			2						88					88			
	5	3	15	16	9		56	3	9	344	173	13	44	11	240	123		

Rev. H. J. Scudder writes of this department:—

The average number of Boarders (Christian students,) has been about 85, and the onerous work of feeding, clothing, and caring for them, has fallen entirely upon Mrs John Scudder.

There has been considerable sickness among the boys during the year, and the trouble and worry of providing them with medicines and special diet has been great, as well as trying.

The behaviour of the students has been good. There have been only a few cases of severe discipline necessary, though minor cases have been quite frequent. By careful watchfulness, the attendance at classes has much improved, and in many instances, boys have walked the five miles, in going to and from the College twice a day, when they were quite unwell, as they were anxious to maintain their place in the class.

It is with no little satisfaction and pleasure that I record the fact that about half a dozen of the Christian students have stood at the head of their classes, several months of the year. The raising of the school to the standard of a Second Grade College, and the newly opened avenue pointing to the B. A. Degree, have had the desired effect of firing the zeal and ambition of many.

Especial endeavours have been made to develop the students spiritually. Every morning at 8, all come to the Bungalow for family prayers, and we have aimed to learn to know the students personally, and to make them feel that we take a personal interest in them. Every evening at the study hour, I have spent a little while with them, and every Sunday evening, my wife and I have gone to the school with the organ for a Sunday evening song service, and have also met with them Friday evenings for their weekly Y. M. C. A. meetings. During a part of the year, I have met with some 15 boys at 7.15 Sunday mornings for Bible study.

In conclusion, it may be said that the year has been a successful one in many ways. A diligent zeal in study, a cheerful, contented spirit, and a deep desire to follow in the footsteps of Christ, and show forth His likeness before men, have characterized the lives of the majority of the Christian students.

Other Schools. Of the other Boarding-Schools, both boys' and girls', the reports, in general, show good work, well done, with nothing of special interest or importance to mark the year in most instances.

The Girls' School at Ranpettai took possession of its new building, supplied by special donation from the Woman's Board.

Of this Mrs. L. R. Scudder writes:—

On Thanksgiving day the yearly prize giving was held in our own new building. No more commodious, or suitable, could be desired. For exactly two years the school had been housed in very temporary quarters. It is an ill wind that blows no one any good, and we realized this year, that in certain respects at least, the previous year of drought had been a blessing to us. We remained in the temporary structure until the 1st of November, and hoped to be able to hold on till the close of the term. But the floods came and the winds blew, and one morning after a night of incessant rain, the girls awoke early to find themselves lying in mud. Everything was thoroughly soaked. The floor became a mire in which one's foot would sink to the ankle. They were indeed fortunate in having a new, clean, dry building to move into. Since then we have been thoroughly enjoying the new building. I am glad for my successor that she will not know the discomforts of the old building and am glad she is to have the care and enjoy the pleasures of the new.

Bible Examinations. The examinations, especially those in the Bible by Committees from the Mission, were, for the most part, unusually well sustained and reflected credit on both the teachers and the taught. The examiners express themselves as "much pleased with the work done as a whole" (at Ranipet;) "more than satisfied" with the work of the II. and III. Forms, (at Chittoor). They were marked "perfect" in all the subjects. In the Normal Training School at Chittoor, and the Boys' and Girls' Boarding-Schools at Madanapalle, like excellent results were shown.

DAY SCHOOLS.

STATIONS.	No. of Schools			*No. of Teachers				Pupils					
	Boys	Girls	Mixed	Chris- tians		Others		Boys		Girls		Total	
				Males	Females	Males	Females	Christians	Others	Christians	Others	Boys ^a	Girls
Arcot.....	1	4	24	31	12	14	...	140	244	23	245	484	429
Arni.....	2	4	14	22	10	14	...	99	172	52	304	272	266
Chittoor.....	...	1	12	14	6	4	...	44	154	22	182	195	151
Coonoor.....	...	...	1	1	1	4	...	10	22	11	17	26	28
Madanapalle.....	6	4	5	14	9	23	2	20	260	13	299	320	222
Palmaner.....	...	1	1	2	3	2	...	14	15	9	55	29	54
Tindivanam.....	9	2	31	35	18	13	2	207	549	99	140	756	239
Vellore.....	2	2	20	41	19	49	...	239	1,395	22	440	1,524	523
Total in 1898	20	18	118	161	73	123	4	783	3,016	397	1,524	3,601	3,031

* Including 1,004 in the College.

Among the Day-Schools are included the seventeen Hindu Girls' Schools and one school for Mohammedan girls at Punganur, twenty schools for boys, including the College, and 118 mixed or village schools.

One gratifying feature in connection with them is the increase in the number of Christian teachers, of whom there is a net gain of nineteen.

Hindu Girls' Schools.

These schools have met with a little more than the usual vicissitudes the past year, as not only fear from the actual presence of cholera, but also fright lest inoculation, or the Plague itself, be forced upon them, materially affected the attendance for a while.

In Arcot, three little girls in the infant class died after a few hours' illness from cholera. It was a gleam of joy in the sadness to hear that one of them repeated a number of verses shortly before her death. May we not hope that He who said "suffer the little ones to come unto me," received this "little one" who had learned of Him in our school. Her heathen mother died also, a day or two afterwards. Perhaps she too had heard of Him who died for her, for both parents were proud of their child's acquirements in the short time she had been with us.

In Wallajah a Christian headmaster has supplanted the heathen one, and with the help of a popular Hindu assistant long in our employ, the school has largely increased in numbers and in average attendance.

The Arni school has increased in numbers and interest, and may now be called a good school.

The Kosapalliam School is better than ever.

The Polur School has again changed headmasters. We sent one of our Arni Christians and his wife to take charge of the school.

They are fast making friends among the people, and we hope they will be permanent teachers there. May this school be the beginning of an extensive work in and around Polur.

The Hindu gentleman, who, last year promised to support a teacher in the Chittoor School, if the study of English were introduced, fulfilled his promise, and English has been taught from the I. Standard. The girls have shown great interest in this study and have made satisfactory progress.

The Madanapalle School has been at a disadvantage, as the rival school still exists in town, and draws its pupils chiefly from the Brahmin community, leaving to this school only the children of the other castes to draw from.

The strength of the school at the beginning of October was twenty-eight and the average attendance for that month eighteen. But latterly the plague scare affected the attendance to such an extent that it practically broke up the school and made it necessary to close it till the new year, pending the appointment of a qualified master or mistress.

The prize-giving in the Punganur School took place in August, while the middle Mission meeting was in progress in Madanapalle. A party of six drove over to Punganur from there for the exercises, though the drive is rather a tedious one.

The girls looked their prettiest and brightest and their faces beamed as they received their prizes. Especially pleased were the recipients of dolls. Friends at home, who sent them, would feel rewarded could they have seen what happiness they gave. The exercises, customary on such occasions, were gone through with, winding up with the inevitable garlanding and sprinkling and distribution of sweets to the children. Through the efforts of the headmistress, a goodly number of prizes were presented by the Hindu friends of the school belonging to the town. Several of these, to our surprise, were given as Bible prizes.

The Palmaner School has been much effected during the latter part of the year by the "plague scare." The fell disease had not yet entered the town, but the people were almost as much excited as if it had. They armed themselves with sticks and knives and threatened death to any inoculator who might dare to enter the town. And although no inoculator has been here, a number of people have shut themselves in their houses, and refused to send their children to school, saying that they would be inoculated on the way there.

The Hindu Girls' School of Tindivanam has barely held its own during the year, and we have to excuse all our own deficiencies, saying "when we get into our new building these things will all be righted." That long-desired day seems at last within sight, as we plan to reassemble after the Christmas Holidays in a house all new and our very own.

The Wandiwash school kept its large numbers early in the year, and then went through one of those periods of depletion common to all, from the starting of an unfriendly rival school—whose career was fortunately very brief—and the number on the

roll is now 60. A very good showing was made at the annual examination in September, however, and soon after we rejoiced the hearts of all the successful candidates with gifts of dolls of graded sizes, the dolls having been sent by good friends at home.

The two Hindu Girls' Schools of Vellore have done very good work during the year, in spite of undergoing another change in management. In both schools the same Headmasters remain, and the first and second assistants have not been changed. The Arasamaram Street School still takes precedence in the number of scholars on the roll, the strength of this school now being 191, which I believe is the largest in its history, having admitted 25 pupils during the year. Several changes have taken place in the teaching force, particularly among the Christian Mistresses. The question of employing the girls just out of the Chittoor Training School, has been a perplexing one to the Vellore Managers. Several have been put in, only to be immediately withdrawn by parents, who objected to their daughters remaining in Vellore, without their protection. In consequence there are fewer Christian teachers in the Vellore Schools than the manager could wish.

In nearly all the stations these schools "have
Village Schools. been kept up," (as Dr. John Scudder writes of the Vellore Schools), "with great difficulty on account of famine. Many of the children did not get a full meal a day, and were compelled to live on roots, the fruit of the prickly pear, or on anything else they could find. One cannot expect much from such scholars. Their condition was so critical that I directed the teachers to devote part of the famine funds to giving them a bowl of conjee every morning which no doubt saved many a little life."

"The condition of a number of the schools is unsatisfactory, which I feel assured is owing in a great part to the teachers who either do not know how, or care to teach. If they exerted themselves more, their schools would be more of a credit to them. Though many of the scholars failed in their secular studies, they with very few exceptions recited their Bible lessons well." But, again, the unsatisfactory work of the teachers may in part be due to the famine. Thus Mr. Wyckoff, of Tindivanam, writes :

"The village schools have suffered on account of the starving condition of many of the children during the middle months of the year. I was able to supply some raggi conjee from the famine fund for a little while, but the allowance was soon exhausted. My last visit to the villages revealed a most unsatisfactory state of things in many of the schools; and it was only owing to the intercession of the Pastors, and the testimony of the government Inspecting school master, that owing to the famine, the teachers were not altogether responsible, that some of them escaped severe punishment."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK.

ARCOT : REV. L. R. SCUDDER, IN CHARGE.

*Growth
Everywhere.*

The two Churches in this field show a gain this year in every essential feature and certainly as far as statistics can show, are in a better condition than ever. There is an increase of 44 families, a net gain of 24. 124 were baptised during the year—most of them in connection with the Yehamur Church. Of these 45 were adults. 179 new names appear on our rolls of adherents, 22 of these belong to the one new village enrolled during the year. It is certainly encouraging to know that so many gains have been reported from the villages in which our congregations are situated. It shows that the daily ministration of the Word is accompanied with power.

*Larger
Liberality.*

That there has been growth in other respects is also proved by the large increase in contributions. It has been a surprise to me on going over the accounts to see what a material advance has been made towards self-support. This advance however, is almost entirely in the Yehamur Church. The Arcot Church has increased its contributions by Rs. 41-9-7. In the Yehamur Church however where the burden of Pastoral support presses heavily, the increase in this year of hardship has been really wonderful. The monthly collection which last year amounted to Rs. 133-2-0 has this year jumped up to Rs. 233-1-7, an increase of Rs. 99-15-7. Add to this the Rs. 69-11-5 contributed at the Harvest Festival, and we have towards pastoral support a sum of Rs. 300-13-0. Thus Rev. Abraham Muni not only receives no salary from the Mission but is also independent of aid from the Pastor's Aid Society. He has become entirely supported by his congregation, and that in a year when we might ordinarily expect the contributions to fall off. Great credit is due to the helpers of this field for their efforts to secure these results. They set the example themselves by increasing their own contributions, and then worked hard to lead their people up to a higher plane. Many have given out of their deep poverty. Some have given when they did not know where their next meal was coming from.

C. E. Societies.

The Christian Endeavour Societies have proven a decided blessing in a number of the villages where they have been started. The children are especially profiting by them. In a number of villages I have seen the improvement in the children. In one village a little girl interested through the Society, is now trying hard to persuade her parents to become Christians, so that she may be sent to our Boarding School. In another village the children with flowers for the pulpit, and with drums and cymbals, march up and down the village street singing and inviting all to church. I cannot describe my feelings as I followed that band of little singing endeavorers one Sunday morning into their Church. Many little ones are being

trained to work for others, as well as to take part in their own little meetings.

ARNI : REV. E. C. SCUDDER, IN CHARGE.

*Causes of
Difficulty.*

The work during 1898 has not been unalloyed joy. Various causes have made it the hardest and most wearing of the past nine years, and perhaps than all combined. Some of these causes have no place in a report; others have. Among the latter are :—

1. **Famine.**—Early in the year substantial help had to be given our people in many places, but now the eager call is not “food,” but “seed,” and glad we are to note the change and be able, through the liberality of the extra famine-gifts from home, to heed and help again. And now songs fill the land.

2. **Disease.**—The handmaiden of famine is near by, and cholera, the special agent of that handmaiden, has twice visited us this year, with perhaps more than usual virulence. In the first outbreak, the last week in June, there were 15 attacks and 8 deaths in our immediate circle, though of these two were non-Christians. Had it not been for the prompt and effective aid given by Dr. L. R. Scudder who came over from Ranipet within four hours after a telegraphic message left here informing him of the trouble, and who single handed as it were, fought the disease night and day, the number of attacks and deaths would undoubtedly have been larger.

In the second outbreak, in August, there were 5 attacks and 3 deaths, all Christians.

3. **Lack of Spirituality.**—This was mentioned in last year’s report. It must be emphasized in this. The spiritual state of the people in this field is not satisfactory. Perhaps they have had such a hard time keeping soul and body together during the year, that the soul has modestly kept itself in the back ground. It is a pleasure to certify that certain bodies took such good care of their souls, not selfishly but by a “struggle for the life of others” that both have grown to better things. There are oases even in the Missionary desert ! But the vast majority have not grown in grace and knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and it has been and is a burden.

The station Church has done fairly well. In May a Consistory was elected, and in August, was duly inducted into office, except one person who in the interim had been suspended from the communion. I cannot speak enthusiastically about my “Elders.” In spite of all this, however, the Church has come up in several ways, notably in the conduct of the “Church Society” which taxes each member 3 pies on each Rupee of the income of the family, (aside from all other charity given) for congregational purposes and sees itself to the proper expenditure of the same. A considerable sum having been gathered, extensive improvements are being made in the church building, the inside newly painted and ornamented, matting thoroughly repaired, a new pulpit made and some other things done.

The "cut" on our estimates for 1899, amounting for this field to Rs. 647, which amount must be saved or made up on the sum actually expended in 1898, has already been a blessing. In order to meet the reduction various expedients were resorted to and various economies effected, but notwithstanding all, it was thought necessary to dismiss two helpers and abandon three villages. When this was announced at the Helpers' Meeting on 15th December, there was grave thought and noble determination in more than one face and the outcome was, that the two helpers have not been dismissed and the other village will be frequently visited by the neighboring helpers. The assumption of this work as an "extra" beyond charity already given is no small thing. Of course the whole amount could not be secured as an "extra" but as there is no native Pastor in this field it was thought good to order the use of the income of 1898 for congregational purposes for this, as well as a portion of the Home Missionary Fund. All this will prevent any real reduction of the work in this field during the coming year.

CHITTOOR : REV. J. A. BEATTIE, IN CHARGE.

Station Church.

The least progressive part of the work for the year has been the station Church. It has lost somewhat in families and members and has throughout the year been in a sort of comatose condition. The Consistory might shake off some inertia. It is earnestly hoped that all connected with it may speedily learn that they have been saved, to serve. The Sunday school hour has been changed and the presence of the children has somewhat brightened the morning service. The Y. P. S. C. E. has regularly met but has taken no initiative. A bajani has improved the music at all services. This bajani was the outcome of the failure on the part of Chittoor delegation to do anything in the way of music at the April Harvest festival. This year they hope to compete in the singing contest.

**Growth in
Village Work.**

Three years ago Chittoor had only three out-stations. Now it has fifteen with Christians in all of them except Putalapattu, which is held purely as an outpost for evangelistic work. The work amongst the villages has been interesting, and it is in this department where the most progress of the year has been made.

METTUR. There is a great improvement in the outward appearance of this village and people. The village is entirely Christian and the headman believes that he was saved to serve. Alone and with the catechist, he has done good work and prophesies that, in a few years all the villages of his late faith dotting the fertile plain seen from his door, will become Christians. Seventy-six were baptized in this village one day and eleven received into full communion. There not being room in the catechist's house the service was held in a cow-stable cleaned out for the occasion. The place and the service may be deemed incongruous by many,

but necessity has no law. Of course it would be more honoring to God to have arrangements more fitting, but we do not see how repetitions of the same can be avoided unless the servants of God at home who sent us here, can spare something from their own handsome, aesthetic and well-appointed churches. But neither the cow-stable in which we met, nor the brass finger bowl which on several occasions held the baptismal water, nor the common plate which held the bread nor the battered old cup which held the wine, detracted anything from the solemn and deeply spiritual services.

VENKATAPURAM, is a village built among stones, surrounded by prickly pear and on a level with paddy fields close up to its doors—access to it is difficult and the place is unhealthy and cramped, and the late rains did much damage in it. Forty people were baptized here and eighteen received into full communion. The service was held under a pandal. The people of this village are enterprising and believe in better things. Eleven families, after much swithering, have decided to leave the village of their fathers and build again on a piece of ground level, high and dry, which they have jointly bought for ten rupees. They are moving the mission house along with their own, and as a reward of such effort towards cleanliness, neatness and healthfulness, three rupees from the famine fund have been promised each family, to be paid when the work is well in hand. A wide street has been laid out and the work is in progress.

***New Life in
Old Villages.***

Not the least encouraging work of the year has been the signs of new life which the older villages have shown. Quarreling interfered for a time with the prosperity of two villages, but now peace prevails and at Church, where the three villages worship on Sundays, a quiet and spiritual communion service was held, at which ten were received into communion and two children were baptized. Another village taken over in 1891 has been very discouraging for several years, but is now rising out of the ashes of its dead self and putting on vigorous life. Some who have been under instruction for years have at last asked to be allowed to make a public confession of their faith, and so, before eleven o'clock one morning, baptismal, marriage and communion services, were held, at which twelve were baptized, eleven received into communion and Abraham married to Sarah. A number of Sudra children have joined this school and at present things are quite encouraging. Even the old dead closed up village of Timsampalle has shaken off its grave clothes and proved that it has actually come to life again, by re-roofing its Church building at an expense to the Mission of only a few rupees for thatch. And if Timsampalle can do this no Missionary need despair of his most hopeless village.

MADANAPALLE : REV. L. B. CHAMBERLAIN, IN CHARGE.

The local congregation under the lead of Pastor Joseph John, who was ordained and installed in February, has made decided progress. As far as my experience goes, it would be hard to find

more full and profitable Sabbath service, Sunday-school, and mid-week prayer meeting in a Church of its size in America. The Missionary has left the Pastor and Consistory to attend to all congregational matters, including finance and they do it well.

Progress among the body of more advanced Christians—such as Catechists, Teachers and Boarding-school pupils—has been pronounced.

Out-station helpers have continued their voluntary work through the Senior Christian Endeavour Society, visiting, in a body, and doing good work at Piler, Badikayalapalle and Upparavaripalle, and spending over 20 rupees on the work.

Despite the hard times and high prices, there has been an advance of Rs. 70 in contributions. This has been chiefly in the Pastors' Fund, and has resulted from the adoption by the majority of a rule that half an anna be given on every rupee of income. Some give the tithe. Besides paying both Pastors, a present of Rs. 15 has been given to Pastor Joseph John and a balance remains.

The village congregations have contributed more this year than last, towards the Pastors' Fund and congregational expenses, though the total is a small sum.

The Young Peoples and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies flourish, the Junior being especially bright and lively. My hesitancy in starting it has received a just rebuke. Both Societies have a strong influence on their members, and the conduct of the pupils continues to improve. Ten associate members of the Y. P. S. C. E. have joined the Church this year.

C. E. Societies have been organized at Punganur and Vayalpad. An interesting anniversary of all the societies was held in February.

As indicating the interest in Spiritual things among adults and youths, it is worthy of mention that 61 persons went to the Vellore Conference from Madanapalle.

Excitement over the Plague. Though we are but a few miles from the Mysore border, God has been gracious and the plague, has not visited us. Consequently people have calmed down. But at first excitement ran high. Absurd and astounding rumors that the English were killing off the people to preserve authority, gained the credence and shattered the confidence of the people, in the government. These rumors sprang from government's earnest efforts to prevent the spread of the plague by segregating the stricken, and inoculating the well. Medical and other officers, sent to the interior to watch and prevent the spread of the plague, were welcomed by those whom they sought to protect, with sticks and stones, and hastily retreated to headquarters. All the conciliatory assurances of even the Collector of the District, did not persuade the people to adopt the precautionary measures of government. It was at this stage that the Christians assisted the authorities.

It happened that the leading District officials were of those who not only had little sympathy with missionary effort, but thought that little was accomplished by it. It was therefore amusing and gratifying to hear that these very officials, when out in the district, hunted up and called upon our catechists to speak for them to the people; that the tents and luggage of a Plague officer were sent to a Christian village for protection, and that Hindu villagers came from distances to consult with, and be reassured by the catechists. Not only this, but while Hindus ran from, and avoided government officers on tour, they came to welcome the Missionary and catechists.

More remarkable were two events in Madanapalle. This town, as the government Head-Quarters of the region, where a larger proportion are educated, and where the congregation of so many officials, would give them a large influence, would surely welcome government's precautions. But it was not so. Despite the efforts and influence of the Collector and other officers the mass of the people flatly refused to agree to segregation or inoculation, and resolved to out-caste any who complied with government relations.

When matters were thus at a dead lock between government and people, and I was one day visiting the Mission town school, a leading merchant asked me into his shop. A crowd gathered. To make a long story short, they asked the Missionary to speak for the people to the authorities. I declined such an informal request. Next day, appointed leaders from the non-official strict Brahmins, and other castes called at the Bungalow, and made a formal request on the ground that the Missionary had the confidence of the people, and begged that he represent them before the authorities. Let me call attention to the light this request throws on the relative position of the simple Missionary and the powerful Official.

Compulsory segregation was abandoned by the authorities, but they made one more effort, this time to obtain voluntary support of inoculation.

A public meeting was called, the District Surgeon was announced to give a lecture on the benefits of inoculation and to inoculate some European officials. Any who wished might come and see. The day, the hour, the Surgeon and the officials came, but no audience. This effort to popularize inoculation was a fiasco. Again the powerful official had failed, and so the Missionary lent a hand. On my invitation, the next day the Surgeon came to the Mission compound. Many Christians followed the lead of the Missionaries and were inoculated. Encouraged by what he saw, the Brahmin Headmaster of the boys' school, who, with a few other Hindus, had been quietly invited to be present, was also inoculated. Another inoculation seance was then arranged for the next day at the Mission Reading Room in the centre of the town. The word that the Missionaries, thirty native Christians and some Hindus had been inoculated without deadly effect, spread. What was my surprise and please when I approached the Read-

ing Room, to see, not only the officials, who thought so lightly of mission work, and several of their colleagues, but also a crowd which filled the street, awaiting the arrival of the Missionary. At this seance all the Plague-serum was exhausted, leading members of the community were inoculated, and inoculation was so popularized that I was beset that and the next day by requests from Hindus asking for inoculation.

In closing I have a most satisfactory feature to mention. The Church building fund has been doubled during the year. The thanks of the Madanapalle congregation and Missionary are heartily tendered to the Mission, and, through it, to Mr. Semelink, of Vriesland, Mich., U. S. A., for an addition of 600 Rupees to it, and to the Ladies of the Particular Synod of Albany, U. S. A., for their donation of nearly \$1000, for the same purpose. Before another report is rendered, I trust the building will be well under way.

TINDIVANAM : REV. J. H. WYCKOFF, IN CHARGE.

*Desperate
Poverty.*

The year has been one characterized by extremes of light and shade. In the first place, 1898 must go on record as a year of famine. While it is true that relief works were not actually opened in South Arcot, yet it is generally agreed that they should have been ; and the tardy visit of the high officials to the scenes of distress, revealed such crowds of starving people, as had not been thought possible. From May until September, when the rains began, the suffering among the aged and the children was something terrible. Thanks to dear friends in America, Rs. 700 of the Famine Fund was allotted to me. But what was this among more than 2,000 famished people? On one of my visits, having exhausted the last pie of cash in hand, I was literally besieged by starving Christians, from whom I could only escape by suddenly jumping into my carriage and driving hastily away. There is no sadder feeling that can take possession of one, than to see scores of your fellowmen, some of them joint members with you of the body of Christ, crying from hunger, and you with absolutely nothing in hand to give them relief. We are sure our friends at home have never seen poverty. It is a word the meaning of which they do not know. What they call poverty is wealth, riches. Thank God the famine is at an end for the present. The abundant latter rains have dispelled the gloom, and although harvests cannot be reaped at once, yet the dark months of want are, we trust, near their end.

Losses.

Another discouraging feature of the year was the large defections in several village congregations. Some people reverted to heathenism ; others to Romanism ; while still others have left for parts unknown, to seek a living. The column of communicants shows no fewer than 66 persons removed ; besides 25 suspended for various offences. In Kolapakkam and Velleripett, old villages, a considerable number

of families have gone to the Romanists. These were enticed away by promises of temporal assistance. One can scarcely wonder at weak Christians, with empty stomachs, going where they can appease their hunger. That hundreds of our people however, just as hungry, refused all solicitations of the Roman priests to enter their fold, is a fair proof of their sincerity.

Lapses. Still another circumstance that has happened to depress the Missionary, is the sad lapse from integrity on the part of several, in whom we had reposed considerable confidence. One of the hardest things that the European has to meet in India, is the weak unreliable character of the native. Of course this is to be expected in a land where the very foundations of morality are rotten to the core ; but it is none the less trying to have men whom you have lifted up, helped to good positions, and who owe all that they possess of education and social standing to the Missionary, suddenly suffer a moral collapse, shattering all the hopes you had centered in them. I do not wish to be understood as intimating that this is an every-day occurrence. On the contrary I am glad to testify that the character of our people is steadily improving. But the last year has been especially fruitful in such cases, and I have learned to appreciate as never before, the powerful influence of heredity on character. Until we can get "the home" in all that it implies, planted in India, we cannot expect to produce true men and women.

Self-Support Slow in Coming. Another matter of a discouraging nature that I must mention is the comparatively little progress made toward self-support. It is true that the contributions are larger than in the previous year, and that the bona-fide church-members have contributed more than ever before, but it is so small, compared to what they should and could give, and in many cases is given so grudgingly, that one sometimes despairs of the churches ever becoming independent of foreign aid. The principal part of the money paid for Pastor's support and benevolent objects, still comes from the Mission helpers, and hence the amounts entered in our statistical tables do not fairly represent the gift of independent church-members. It is hard for the people to get rid of the opinion that the Mission exists to support them, and this false idea, together with the constant recurring famines, makes the task of leading them to independence a gigantic one. We are convinced that our only course is to keep on "pegging away," until the end is attained.

Let us now turn to the encouraging events of the year.

Gains. In the first place, while there have been various defections in the congregations, there have also been more than enough additions to counterbalance, so that the tables show an increase of 22 communicants and 52 adherents, over all losses. No fewer than 323

souls have been received under instruction from heathenism ; 158 persons have been baptized, 67 of whom were adults. The Churches show an addition of 68 on confession. The number of communicants now stands at 620 ; baptized persons not communicants 893 ; unbaptized adherents 580 ; making a total Christian community of 2,093.

Native Pastorate. Another cheering fact is the growing efficiency of the native pastorate. The whole field is now divided into three pastorates ; Rev. Paul Bailey being assigned the congregations on the South, with headquarters at Orattur ; Rev. John Peter those on the West, with Gingee as the centre ; and Rev. Meshach Peter those on the East and North, which includes the Station Church and Wandiwash. In each of the three pastorates there have been interesting additions. At Orattur a number of families for whom the pastor had long laboured, placed themselves under instruction, in all 64 souls ; while in a new village 42 people were received by baptism. In Pastor Peter's field 58 people were baptized from 2 villages, and the pastor has also had the joy of receiving some families under instruction at Gingee, where we have long prayed for accessions. At Tindivanam the newly ordained Pastor has been privileged in the first year of his ministry to receive and baptize four families from heathenism, which is a larger number than has ever been received in a single year.

VELLORE : REV. JOHN SCUDDER, D. D., IN CHARGE.

The Native Assistants, with only a few exceptions have been diligent and faithful to their duties. The services of three have been dispensed with as they were unsatisfactory. One of our catechists, Israel Andrew, died in January. He had served the Mission long and faithfully and I trust he is now reaping his reward in a better land.

Rev. S. A. Sebastian who was formerly the catechist here, was called by the church to become their Pastor, and was duly ordained and installed as such in February, since which time he has been faithfully ministering to the wants of the people.

The congregation numbers the same as last year, and the communicants only one more, though 26 have been received on confession and certificate.

Christian Endeavor. At the request of the Christian Endeavor boys who came from Tindivanam, a Junior Society was organized here in February, among the younger boys. We began with only 27 members, but the Lookout Committee worked faithfully, and the year closed with 54. Many of these have signed the pledge, and all are more faithful in attendance than at first. Much interest has been shown in the meetings, which we trust have been useful in developing the spiritual life of the members.

**Village
Congregations.**

Some of these have done well. Others are at a standstill and some have fallen off. One village, Erantangal, has been abandoned, as the Christians have disappeared and we know not where they are. It has been kept on the list up to this time, but as there is no hope of the people ever returning, we have concluded to remove it from the list. The famine compelled many to leave their villages in order to seek a livelihood elsewhere. Numbers have gone to Kolar to work in the mines, some of these we trust will in time return but others we shall probably never see again, and their absence accounts for the low state of some of the congregations. It has been decided to remove the helper from another village, Tondontolasi, but the people will be looked after by their Pastor who lives in a neighbouring village. I think it would be wise to treat others in the same way, unless the people show a greater desire for the blessings and benefits of Christianity. They are so apathetic and indifferent, and show so few signs of spirituality and growth, that I feel that it might have a good effect, to deprive them of the helper, and send him to a new village where the people are begging to be received, and placed under Christian instruction.

Gudiyatam.

In this field of the Cohoes Mission the prospects are very bright. The two candidates stationed here have done faithful work, and are reaping the fruits of their labors. There seems to be quite a movement among the Panchamas towards Christianity, which if we are able to follow it up, will I believe lead many of them to come over. Already 7 families consisting of 35 souls have taken the final step, and been enrolled as members of the congregation. In a new village nearby, Sudukare, 4 families consisting of 8 adults and 12 children, have been received, and a day school started in the place, but they are not included in the statistics of the year. The numbers in both Gudanagaram and Tottalum, villages connected with Gudiyatam, have been increased, and we trust they will continue to grow.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

The South India Christian Endeavour Union held its second Annual Convention as guests of the Arcot Mission. Despite the great distances and many languages of India, delegates gathered at Vellore on August 31st from such distant and diverse places as Nagercoil, Coimbatore, Bellary and Madras.

The Programme was what would be expected of a Christian Endeavour Convention. Devotional meetings in Tamil, English and Telugu, opened and closed the various days.

Rev. J. P. Jones, D. D., of Madura, President of the South India Christian Endeavor Union, presided at the first session, and, after reports showing 104 societies and 2,422 members in 1898, as against 59 societies and 1,500 members in 1897, gave the President's annual address.

Young India, as Young America, delights in parades. So the afternoon of the last day the C. E. Regiment, visitors swelling the ranks to 600, was formed with banners flying, the bright cloths of the groups of women adding a picturesque touch to the pure white dress of the dark hued men, Missionaries leading on bicycles or walking in the ranks with their own bands, ladies bringing up the rear in jutka and carriage, we marched with timbrel, drum and cymbal through the city of Vellore. The enthusiasm was tremendous, and showed itself throughout the three miles marched, in unceasing waves of song. A sharp shower drenched the unprotected and lightly clad Endeavourers only to be met with renewed bursts of song that gave the bystanders who thronged the roads something about which to think. And when, having returned home, cheer on cheer rending the air as each band arrived, a great circle was formed, and, in different tongues, but with one heart, there swelled forth in grand acclaim "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," not one there but could say Christian Endeavour in India is a success.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS CONFERENCE.

At the close of the C. E. Convention, the annual Christian Workers' Conference began its sessions and continued them for three days. The attendance was much larger than ever before. Many of the helpers who came, were accompanied by their wives and children. A number of the delegates to the C. E. Convention remained and aided us, not only by their presence, but by their words of counsel and advice. The subject selected was the Life of Victory in Christ, and the motto was Eph. 3:16-17 "That ye may be strengthened with power through his spirit in the inward man: that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." The sessions commenced with a "morning watch" and were continued during the mornings, afternoons and evenings. The Lord's Supper was celebrated Sunday morning and the Conference was closed by a consecration meeting in the evening. Notwithstanding the number and length of the meetings, they were thoroughly enjoyed, and we trust many returned to their homes better men, filled with the spirit, and better prepared for the Lord's work.

GOSPEL EXTENSION SOCIETIES.

Men's Society. This Society continues to employ two evangelists and two colporteurs who are located in the district far away from any station. They give their whole time to preaching the Gospel to the heathen. The difficulty of securing houses for the agents has been removed by the erection of substantial tiled-houses in two important centers. The evangelists employed have worked faithfully, and gave very interesting reports of their work at the anniversary meeting of the society, held during the Christian Workers' Conference. They have

a difficult and trying work to do, and we ask the prayers of God's people in their behalf.

The interest in this society is decidedly on *Women's Society*. the increase—more and more of the women are being enlisted. There are many who should be interested in this work but have not yet shown that interest, still we trust they will, when they become better acquainted with the objects of the society. The anniversary meeting was held on Friday afternoon during the Christian Workers' Conference, and was attended by a large number of women from all parts of the Mission. They are educating a woman for Zenana work, besides employing Mrs. Sawyer in Tindivanam, who gave a very interesting report of her work. The contributions have increased about Rs. 43 over last year's gifts.

NORTH JAPAN MISSION.

Organized in 1859.

Missionaries.—Revs. Guido F. Verbeck, D. D.,* *Tokyo*; James H. Ballagh, *Yokohama*; E. Rothesay Miller, *Morioka*; Eugene S. Booth, *Yokohama*; Howard Harris, *Ichinoseki*; Frank S. Scudder, *Nagano*; Prof. Martin N. Wyckoff, Sc.D., *Tokyo*.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Verbeck,** Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Wyckoff, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Scudder, Mrs. Jennie D. Schenck, Miss M. Leila Winn, Miss Anna de F. Thompson, Miss Mary Deyo, Miss Julia Moulton,** Miss Mary E. Brokaw, Miss Harriet J. Wyckoff.

REPORT FOR 1898.

Political Japan during the year has been so
General View. full of changes that "unrest" characterizes the whole situation. Party Government was attempted and, for the present, has failed, but the fact that the people have begun to feel their power in the National Government forecasts decided changes in the political arena.

The Government has been much exercised over the new foreign treaties and a prospect of a large increase of foreign residents; and naturally there has been much discussion as to whether Christianity should be put on the same footing with other religions.

Discrimination against Christian schools led the Doshisha University to remove from its constitution the unchangeable Christian foundation on which its noble founder, Joseph Nijima, had brought it to international fame as a Christian University. This unprincipled action on the part of its present trustees has evoked the censure of the better class of Japanese, who are ashamed of moral obliquity in which their country is made to appear before the whole world. At present the way seems open for a satisfactory settlement.

One of the effects of Christianity has been to galvanize Buddhism into life. The appointment of a Christian minister, a specialist in prison reform, to a position as chaplain in the Sugamo prison, Tokyo, aroused such opposition among the Buddhists that the government yielded, in part, to the pressure and removed the warden. The Buddhists, however, refused to place chaplains in the prison so long as a Christian chaplain was retained. The Christian chaplain has been retained and a very interesting work of grace is going on among the prisoners.

*Died March 10, 1898.

**In America.

When the tidings of his death reached the Imperial palace the Emperor expressed his sympathy with the afflicted family and personally provided for the expenses of the funeral. Prominent Japanese, since his death, have been raising a memorial fund, for the erection of a suitable monument. The history of Japan cannot be written without the name of Guido Fridolin Verbeck, D. D., who has impressed his stamp upon the whole history of modern Japan, and who, for his important services and advice in state affairs,—never offered, but constantly sought,—received from the government the decoration of the third class, of the Rising Sun. The Church will await with impatience the publication of his biography, which will be a valuable contribution to the history of Missions. Having lost such a giant from our ranks, do we yet appeal in vain for reinforcements ?

***Co-operation in
Sunday-School
Publications.***

The Sunday-school lesson helps for the Church of Christ in Japan have been prepared hitherto by Rev. E. R. Miller, of Morioka. Recently plans have been maturing for union with the Methodist Episcopal Mission in the work. This summer a plan was agreed upon. A committee of six was appointed to prepare and publish the lessons ; three from the Council of Co-operating Missions, and three from the Methodist body. The publications consist of a Teacher's Journal, a Scholar's Quarterly, and a Scholar's Leaflet. The International Lessons with the International date are to be used. Overtures are to be made to other Methodist bodies with a view to their co-operation. The joint committee has already assumed its work and the first quarter's lessons for 1899 have been published.

EUCATIONAL WORK.

MELJI GAKUIN.

Dr. Imbrie, of the Presbyterian Mission, Secretary, reports for the :—

***Theological
Department.***

At the commencement held last spring two students of the Theological Department finished the regular course of study and received the diplomas. Certificates were also given to three who had completed the Special course. At the opening of the autumn term three new students were admitted to the Preparatory course, all of whom presented testimonials of exceptional excellence as to both ability and earnest Christian character. Owing, in one case, to ill health, and in the other, to the call of duty to his family, two students have withdrawn for the present ; but with the hope of returning next year. The whole number now on the roll is thirteen. Of these, one is a post graduate ; five are Seniors ; two are Middlers ; and three are in the Preparatory class. It will be observed that there are no students in the Junior class.

For some time, as is well-known, the Mission of the Reformed Church have been without a representation in the Theological De-

The Buddhists are trying to unite all their scattered forces, and are holding great meetings in all parts of the empire, openly antagonizing Christianity. Violent persecution has resulted in some places, but a general spirit of inquiry has also been awakened in regard to the religion so spoken against.

The recent opening of the Hokkaido, the large island of the North, has been to Japan what the opening of the West was to America. This country, being new, is perhaps the readiest to receive the Gospel. The people having broken from old associations, are more hospitable to a new religion, and are freer to act on their own responsibility.

It is a matter of interest to the Christian world that His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, lately expressed his willingness to receive a copy of the Scriptures. A special presentation copy was prepared, bearing an inscription penned by Dr. Verbeck. The Bible was accepted and acknowledged by the Emperor on the sixteenth of July.

***Christianity at
Large.***

There is evidently a growing interest in Christianity, and an increasing conviction among intelligent Japanese that it is superior to any other religion. Many are believers in Christianity who are held back from open confession because of family, social and business relations, which hold, as in a vice, all who are not willing to sacrifice everything for Christ. In the spring of the year Rev. Barclay Buxton and Rev. Mr. Buncombe held meetings in Tokyo and Yokohama for the deepening of the spiritual life. During the summer and early autumn. Rev. and Mrs. George C. Needham held meetings at the various missionary conferences and in some of the larger cities. Their visit was productive, under the Divine blessing, of the most gratifying results, both in quickening believers and in bringing many to a knowledge and confession of the Savior.

***Grief for
Dr. Verbeck.***

That event of the past year which most deeply concerns our mission and the cause of Missions in Japan, we here record with the deepest personal grief,—the death of our beloved counsellor and companion, Dr. Verbeck. He was one of the first party of missionaries to this Empire, and during the thirty-nine years of his labor here his wonderful gifts and tact opened to him a field of influence such as no other missionary can ever enjoy. It is not too much to say that this nation wept over his death, claiming the honor of calling him one of its own people ; while we, as a mission and as individuals, knowing him most intimately, can only bow in silence to the voice which whispers, "Be still and know that I am God." We are thankful for the record of such a Christian life. We are proud to have been associated with him in the same Mission. We felt that his counsel was as the voice of God ; his presence was a benediction ; his companionship like that of an apostle of the Lord.

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Sunday-School
Publications.***

The Sunday-school lesson helps for the Church of Christ in Japan have been prepared hitherto by Rev. E. R. Miller, of Morioka. Recently plans have been maturing for union with the Methodist Episcopal Mission in the work. This summer a plan was agreed upon. A committee of six was appointed to prepare and publish the lessons ; three from the Council of Co-operating Missions, and three from the Methodist body. The publications consist of a Teacher's Journal, a Scholar's Quarterly, and a Scholar's Leaflet. The International Lessons with the International date are to be used. Overtures are to be made to other Methodist bodies with a view to their co-operation. The joint committee has already assumed its work and the first quarter's lessons for 1899 have been published.

EUCATIONAL WORK.

MEIJI GAKUIN.

Dr. Imbrie, of the Presbyterian Mission, Secretary, reports for the :—

***Theological
Department.***

At the commencement held last spring two students of the Theological Department finished the regular course of study and received the diplomas. Certificates were also given to three who had completed the Special course. At the opening of the autumn term three new students were admitted to the Preparatory course, all of whom presented testimonials of exceptional excellence as to both ability and earnest Christian character. Owing, in one case, to ill health, and in the other, to the call of duty to his family, two students have withdrawn for the present ; but with the hope of returning next year. The whole number now on the roll is thirteen. Of these, one is a post graduate ; five are Seniors ; two are Middlers ; and three are in the Preparatory class. It will be observed that there are no students in the Junior class.

For some time, as is well-known, the Mission of the Reformed Church have been without a representation in the Theological De-

partment, and all concerned much desire that this condition shall not continue. At the same time it is manifest that any one sent out from home, no matter what his promise might be, would for a number of years find himself unable to meet the needs of the position. In fact the more earnestly he endeavored to accomplish his work the greater the likelihood of interference with his growing usefulness. For these reasons the Board of Directors unanimously resolved to invite the Rev. A. Oltmans to a place on the Faculty. It is confidently believed that Mr. Oltmans facility in the use of the language, added to his knowledge and love of the Scriptures, his kindly temper and evangelistic spirit, would make him a real addition to the school. The chair to which he has been especially invited is that of the Old Testament. Whether he will regard it his duty to accept the invitation, or whether the South Japan Mission of the Reformed Church will think it best to release him from his present work, is not known. The proposal had its origin in the Theological Faculty, and was made without conference with Mr. Oltmans or any others of the brethren.

Dr. Wyckoff, reporting for the Academic department, says:—

**Academic
Department.**

The conditions of this year have been more encouraging than those of several previous years. The number of pupils in attendance is seventy-four, which is sixteen more than were reported a year ago. Twenty-one of them are professing Christians, and several others were baptized when they were infants. There have been six baptisms since the last report, and there are nine inquirers who have expressed their desire to follow Christ, and who are now being more fully instructed so that they may confess Him intelligently.

In March, at the close of the school year, five regular and two special students were graduated. Since April first, this department has been an Ordinary Middle School, in connection with the educational system of the City of Tokyo. This change gives us the advantages of government schools of the same grade, without in any way interfering with our religious work or aims. It is in the nature of an experiment, and has not yet progressed far enough to demonstrate whether it is really much superior to our old plan. It seems certain, however, that it will increase our numbers, and that is a gain of an important kind, if it be not accompanied by a corresponding loss. As yet we see no indications of the loss. If the government relation be found undesirable, it can be discontinued at any time.

Owing to the fact that there have been considerable additions to our higher classes, we are beginning to have an opportunity for comparison of our pupils with those of other schools, and our brief experience tends to confirm us in the belief that our work has not been in vain, and that we still have a mission to the young men of Japan.

In scholarship our students compare well, being almost always

better in English than those of the same grade who come to us, though sometimes falling a little behind in mathematics or other subjects that are taught entirely in Japanese. In conduct, however, our boys are much superior. Those who have been with us for two or three years seem a different set of boys from most of those who have lately become their class-mates. This may be in part due to the fact that many of our boys come from Christian homes, but we are inclined to claim much of the credit for the school. Our discipline is undoubtedly more strict than that of the purely native schools, and strictness is greatly needed at this time.

The regular Bible classes and religious exercises of the school have been kept up. The Sunday and Wednesday night prayer meetings have been well attended. These meetings are held in the largest class-room, with seats for thirty-eight persons, and extra chairs are often needed. A class for the study of the life of St. Paul has been formed in connection with the Y. M. C. A.

FERRIS SEMINARY.

Rev. E. S. Booth, Principal, reports as follows:—

Forty-two pupils have been on the roll during the year of whom four have graduated, leaving thirty-eight in attendance. The school year closed in April with only twenty-six pupils, the smallest number in attendance at the school for twenty years. Of the number enrolled fifteen are Christians, seven have been baptized during the year and eight are candidates for baptism. Seventeen pupils have been assisted financially. The falling off in the number of pupils is due to a number of causes.

1. The Seminary is feeling the general and popular reaction against private and especially mission schools, which has seriously affected the attendance of pupils in mission schools for a number of years past.

2. The discontinuance of the higher or Academic course.

3. The discontinuance of the ordinary Primary Department for the sake of economy. Many pupils have applied to enter the school who were incapable of entering a higher grade than this, and consequently had to be refused. The other mission schools in Yokohama have taken advantage of this step on our part, and some of them now number more pupils than at any time in their previous history.

4. The charge to boarders of the full cost of their food, instead of a charge of about two-thirds of the actual cost, as in other schools.

5. The very considerable falling off in the Primary Department from twenty-five as reported last year to eleven. This may be attributed (a) to the lower prices obtaining at other schools; and (b) to the fact that the mission does not give assistance to pupils in that grade, as is done in other schools.

Twenty-five pupils have entered since April last, a majority of whom have been candidates for the mission's assistance. Some of

these have already withdrawn, being found undesirable as assisted pupils, Eight out of eighteen have proven satisfactory.

The work of both teachers and pupils has been very satisfactory, though not marked by so great a degree of enthusiasm as has characterized it in some previous years. Still faithful and efficient work has been done by all.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Our hopes were raised on the evangelistic field this year by the arrival of Miss Wyckoff, who was eager to enter at once into this department of our mission work, and who, it was hoped, would become a companion of one of the ladies now living alone in the interior. Dr. Wyckoff's arrival had also set free from teaching in the Meiji Gakuin the Rev. Mr. Harris, who with his wife, entered joyfully and with most encouraging success into evangelistic work in Ichinoseki. Lack of funds to secure a teacher in Ferris Seminary however made it necessary for the Mission to place Miss Wyckoff temporarily as teacher in that school..

TOKYO-YOKOHAMA.

This station has been sadly crippled during the year. The death of Dr. Verbeck left a double load upon Mr. Ballagh, as evangelist in charge of this whole large field. In addition to this Mr. Ballagh was burdened with the offices of secretary and treasurer until the return of Dr. Wyckoff, who resumed these duties on October first. A long siege of sickness in the Fall interfered with Mr. Ballagh's anticipated visits to the various out-stations. Of his work and the condition of the field

Mr. Ballagh's Report.

Regular and frequent correspondence with the workers has been kept up and, with the assistance of Rev's. Inagaki, Maki, and Furusawa, all parts of the field have been visited at least twice during the year. Personally, I was able to make only one visitation of the whole Shinshiu field. The then recent loss of the respected and beloved Dr. Verbeck had made a deep impression on the evangelists and the people among whom he had so long and faithfully labored, and made them more susceptible to spiritual impression. I also had an opportunity to visit the Aomori, Morioka and Ichinoseki fields in company with Rev. E. R. Miller, the evangelist in charge. As this was the first time I had enjoyed this privilege since these fields were occupied by our Mission, it was a very pleasant duty to share in their joys and labors and to witness the wonderful change wrought since the same time twenty-two years before, when I last and for the first time, visited that section of the country.

Organized Churches.

There are at present no organized churches under the Mission's care or receiving aid directly therefrom. The Wado Church, after twenty years' aid, with occasional exceptions, was discontinued

from the first of the year. The Seto Church was aided to about three-fourths of the pastor's salary for nine months of the year. Since October 1st the Church is practically self-supporting, and has been passed over to the care of the Southern Presbyterian Mission, as was done with the Church of Nagoya and the work at Okazaki several years ago. The Yokosuka Church has received no aid from the Mission during the year. The Mishima Church has not been, for several years past, directly under care of the Mission, but, with the exception of a year or so, we have supported an evangelist who preaches for them once a Sabbath and cares for other stations.

The KOGISHO, or preaching places, under the *Preaching Places.* care of the Mission are sixteen, and are cared for by fifteen different workers, of whom three are ordained, twelve licentiates, and one unlicensed.

MORIOKA.

Mr. Miller's Report.

There have been no remarkable changes in the aspect of the work during the year. Some few of the Church names have been lost through death, and others added by confession and baptism. In the city of Morioka three young men were baptized during the summer, one of whom had been in the Sunday School as a young boy, though latterly he had avoided all connection with the Church services or the Christians, doubtless because of the ridicule of his school fellows, and this in spite of the fact that his elder brother was a Christian. Two or three more who have been connected with the Sunday-school for years have expressed a desire for baptism.

Besides these baptisms in Morioka there have been some in Ichinoseki and Aomori.

During the year we have enjoyed the services of different Japanese lecturers and evangelists. The greatest good done, and the most permanent results accomplished, were from the visit of Mr. Miyama, a Methodist evangelist now working in the interests of the W. C. T. U. He visited us last year with Miss Parish in October, and they roused a great deal of interest, especially among the young men of the Middle School. Most of these young men have graduated and left Morioka, so that there seemed to be but little left of the work of a year ago. However, in the few days Mr. Miyama was with us, a temperance society was formed, which has since elected officers, and appears to be in a fair way of accomplishing something. The union prayer meeting held on the first Wednesday of each month, an interchange of pulpits, generally on the first Sunday of the month, and a minister's meeting, where matters of general interest are discussed, are still continued.

***Among the
Soldiers.***

The autumn maneuvers of the Northern Army took place in the neighborhood of Morioka at the end of October, and on their completion there were some 14,000 soldiers quartered on the city. On Sunday, the thirtieth, the whole city was thronged with men in uniforms, for both the attacking and repelling armies were at leisure to go where they liked. As this was a grand opportunity to distribute Christian literature, the young men took several thousands of tracts, and Mrs. Miller and her girls spent the afternoon giving away papers. These were eagerly taken, and a greater amount might have been given away, had there been more left to give. There are many of the soldiers who cannot read, but many can, and the tracts they received may make an impression which will bear fruit in other places.

***Mrs. Miller's
Work.***

Mrs. Miller continues her work among the women, by women's meetings and visiting among them, work in the Sunday-school, and the issue of her papers, *The Glad Tidings* and *the Little Tidings*. The former has a circulation of 3100, and the latter of 4300, both being issued twice a month. Letters are received from time to time telling of the good the papers do, and tracing the conversion of this and another person to the reading of them. Whenever a subscription has to be diminished or discontinued on the part of the missionaries, the reason given is that it is only through lack of funds, or the desire to induce the Japanese to subscribe themselves, and never through lack of interest in the paper, or because there is any other to take its place.

***Hospital
Visitation.***

During the latter part of the year Mrs. Miller has begun visiting the two large hospitals in the city, one under the support of the city, and the other under that of the prefecture. She has been courteously received at each by the physicians in charge, but has begun her work very quietly so as not to arouse opposition, confining herself almost altogether to the distribution of her little papers and tracts, and expressing sympathy with the patients. Many of these have a great deal of leisure, and are only too glad to get something interesting to read. Besides there are always quite a number of friends and relatives who come to see and take care of the patients, preparing their food and so forth, very few of whom are wholly dependent on the nurses and servants of the hospital.

***General
Waking-Up.***

In reviewing the work of the year it may be said that the people generally are more ready to hear the Gospel than formerly. There is less opposition on the part of school teachers, and in consequence the school children have a more respectful bearing towards Christians, and do not persecute the children of believers as they did a few years ago. Then, too, a spirit of inquiry is evident among the young men attending the Middle and Normal schools, which is altogether new and very encouraging. Morioka indeed is

awakening ; the people who were noted for their conservatism are beginning to emerge from their shell. Some industries which in former times were flourishing, and for which the province was once celebrated, are now being revived and encouraged, and a yearly competitive exhibition for all the products of Morioka has been established, from which good things may be expected.

**Mrs. Wyckoff's
Work.**

In 1892 Mrs. Wyckoff started a Sunday School for poor children of the neighborhood. Since her return the exercises of the school have been held in her house, and the result has so far been very encouraging. Dr. Wyckoff says : We began on October second with twelve pupils, and the number has steadily grown, so that on November twenty-seventh there were seventy-one on the roll and forty-four present, not including very small children, of whom there were at least a dozen. No doubt the near approach of the Christmas season is acting as a stimulus for the Japanese have learned that Christmas means gifts, and some will probably fall out early in the new year, but we are trying to teach them a little about the "gift of gifts" while they do come. The proportion of those who attend regularly is large, and we hope that most of these will continue with us, for they seem really interested.

In connection with the Sunday School children we have had a little day school, conducted by a Japanese woman. The number attending this has not been more than sixteen, at one time, and the pupils have changed frequently, as the children of the poor are usually put out to service as soon as they are large enough to do anything. We are not now receiving pupils to this school, and shall discontinue it when the present pupils leave.

AOMORI.

**Miss Winn's
Report.**

The progress of the work here has been slow, but we trust sure. We have not been without evidences of God's blessing. The Rev. Mr. Nagayama has been untiring in his duties as pastor and preacher. We feel grateful for visits from Mr. Ballagh and Mr. Miller and thank them for their helpful sermons. Four adults and one infant received baptism during the year. The weekly meetings, viz: Two services on Sunday, one prayer meeting, and one woman's meeting have been held without one break during all phases of weather, for which Aomori is famous !

There is a Christian Association for young men; and recently, a Temperance Society for the three Protestant Churches has been organized.

We have an industrial class of over thirty young girls who receive Christian instruction as well as lessons in knitting. Our Sunday-schools are the most encouraging feature of the work. We have five of them in different parts of the city. Three of the Christian young men help in this work, and about one hundred and seventy children are under instruction.

I have at present sixteen students in English. All attend

Church and study the Bible in either English or Japanese. For several months I made weekly visits to Noheji and taught a class of young men. For awhile it promised well, but gradually the interest waned, and I thought it best to discontinue the work for a time.

Our little-day-school for poor children has kept up during the whole year, but we think best to discontinue it after this year.

We are growing beyond the limits of our little preaching place, and ere another year, hope to have a neat and comfortable Church building. This is much needed. Most of all, Aomori needs a baptism of God's Holy Spirit.

UEDA.

*Miss Dayo's
Report.*

Ueda work this year has suffered a serious loss in the departure of Miss Brokaw who relinquished her work in April, returning to America for furlough. This has left me with increased responsibility and all the disadvantages of a solitary life. However it has not been nearly so bad as I feared ; under these circumstances, as always, the Lord sustains and I have not suffered either from loneliness or fear.

Returning home after seeing Miss Brokaw off I was met by the bad news that our house had been entered by burglars who made off with goods to the amount of seventy yen and thoroughly frightened my cook, but since then nothing unpleasant has happened and there has been much to enjoy. The fact that Mr. Scudder's family are so near that they can be reached by train in a little over an hour has done much to prevent both the feeling and the fact of loneliness.

Taking the year through we have had less opposition than ever before, though the school teachers are still usually ready to speak a bad word against us and sometimes forbid their pupils to attend our meetings. But this has not interfered much. On the whole the opportunities for teaching the Gospel are many more than we have time to avail ourselves of.

The fifteen weekly meetings reported last year were continued until spring. Miss Brokaw continued her work as reported last year until she left. Then Mrs. Scudder took the Nagano half of her work and the Ueda work fell to my care. This made some changes and re-adjustments necessary, but on the whole the meetings were kept up until the busy silk-worm season in June necessitated the closing of all but four which were kept up until July.

In the fall, floods and broken railroads prevented my helpers from returning and so delayed the opening of the work. The last of September Miss Hashimoto and I started on a three weeks tour over the mountains into South Shinshiu. We visited the four stations, held twenty public meetings for women, and made many calls. The meetings were fairly well attended and in three places the pastors plead very strongly for some one to settle there permanently to do regular work, and indeed the need is great. May the Board soon see its way clear to send out a missionary

family for South Shinshiu. Owing to the reasons given we did not get the Ueda work fully started until the first of November. But it opens very promisingly and we have now nineteen meetings weekly, twelve for children and seven for women. The statistic for the seven busy months are: Number of women's meetings 109, average attendance 9; Number of childrens meetings 228, average attendance 32; greatest number taught in any one week 619; smallest number taught in any one week 137.

Over a hundred children are studying the Catechism hoping to receive a prize when it is learned. We give each child, who can read, a copy of the "Glad Tidings" every week and give tracts to the women. We also give tracts systematically to each house in the neighborhood of our meeting places. There is getting to be a slowly growing intelligence on the subject of Christianity which, in not a few cases, has led to a real interest in and honest seeking for the truth.

This year the Ueda Church has become entirely self-supporting. There have been fourteen baptisms during the year. They have repaired their Church building and seem to be prospering financially as well as spiritually. In Oya Mr. Maki has a class of ten earnest inquirers, an indirect result of our work there.

I must speak of the great help Mr. Maki is to my work in Komoro. He is always ready to preach the truth faithfully and zealously and though his very faithfulness to duty has offended the old careless Christians yet we hope the result may be the building up of a pure Church there, that shall rise phoenix-like, out of the ashes of the old.

NAGANO.

*Mr. Scudder's
Report.*

This great centre of idolatry, containing the famous temple of Zenkwoji and the first Buddhist idol brought from China to Japan, has been defiant, yet trembling, before the grain of mustard seed which Christianity has planted here. Like Ephesus of old, Nagano lives upon the trade brought by pilgrims and worshippers who come to its temple; and therefore all classes of people, from the lowest to the highest, are enemies of Christianity. Christians are scorned and hooted at; children who go to Sunday-school are discriminated against by their teachers and reviled by their companions. Opposition, led by the priests, has been carried even to violence; great lecture meetings, addressed by prominent priests from Tokyo, have been held for the purpose of assailing Christianity. But the result is beneficial as it leads people to enquire for themselves about the hated religion.

In June a prominent Christian lawyer organized an English school, engaging our former instructor. Both men are earnest Christians, and the school is openly Christian in principle. About eighty students are enrolled. Among these, three have become Christians. For the encouragement of the school I have, from the beginning, taught English there one night every week, besides

occasionally addressing the students, liberty being given to speak freely on any subject.

This fall we thought we would have to move into another house, but, after two months of trouble on that score, were finally spared from actual moving, though we had packed up for the purpose. This is told because a providential incident is connected with it. A man with whom I was making negotiations for a house had once been a Christian, but had been, as he said, "resting from his Christianity for the last eighteen years." He seems now to have undergone a new conversion, becoming very earnest. Of his own accord he opened his house and gathered a Sunday-school for Mrs. Scudder and also a women's meeting for Mrs. Schenck. Once or twice a week he has preaching services there conducted by members of our Church. He has been received into the Church on confession, and on acknowledging his former baptism. Seven others have received baptism during the year; four in Shinonoi, and three in Nagano. One young man, fully prepared, expected to be baptized on Christmas Sunday, but previously moved to Matsumoto. At present a C. E. Society for young men is being organized in our Church, from which we hope for good results.

This autumn, for the first time, I crossed over the mountains into our South Shinshiu field, a four days walk there and back, to attend a meeting of the pastors and helpers of this province. I was pleased that the brethren were so earnest and spiritually minded, and it grieved me to think that they must return to work for months without any further encouragement either from each other or from the visit of a missionary. The question arises, forcibly, if we cannot supply the necessary missionary oversight, would it be better to confess our inability and give over this field, bought for our Mission with twenty-five of the best years of Dr. Verbeck and Mr. Ballagh?

The work at Shinonoi, a town about seven miles from here, has been a stimulus to the Christians of Nagano. There is no Church there, and the little work which can be done in the place is carried on from here. But the Holy Spirit is evidently doing His own work there. A short time ago a woman asked me to come and baptize her; I went without the slightest intention of doing so, but found her thoroughly instructed, well acquainted with the whole of the New Testament, and otherwise prepared, and so after two hours examination, believing her heart had been prepared by the Holy Spirit, I baptized her. This made four persons who have been baptized there during the year, more than doubling the number of believers, and other persons are earnestly enquiring.

*Mrs. Scudder's
Report.*

In April of 1898 I took the portion of Miss Brokaw's work lying nearest Nagano, and her helper, Miss Imura, became my helper. All meetings were successful until June when one Sunday-school and one evening meeting for men and women in a low neighborhood of

Nagano, had to be dropped because it was considered an unsafe place for a young Christian girl to go into. One man, the result of the work done there,—has since come regularly for private religious instruction and now desires baptism. Since September we have met with much opposition. In one village, where successful work was carried on last year, we have met nothing but rebuffs and insolence, and having been unable to secure a room in which to hold meetings we could not carry on regular work there. In two other villages where the children have been eager for Sunday-school, we have been unable to rent rooms for more than a few weeks, our work being interfered with by priests and zealous Buddhists and teachers in the public schools.

In Aomori village the school is very successful, though now the children—under the influence of the school teachers—are very rude. Here a sewing teacher at whose house large women's meetings have been held, some weeks ago became insane, and her insanity took the form of a fierce hatred of idols. She broke all the idols within her reach; fought with those who brought priests to the house; and denouncing the worship of idols, expressed a faith in Christianity. Can we doubt that this soul had been touched by the Holy Spirit? Since her death, her husband, hating Christianity, forbids us to come to the house to teach the other women.

Two women have been baptized as a result of one woman's class. Several men will also receive baptism soon.

Several new places have opened in which work is being commenced. A new Sunday School and a woman's class have been very successfully opened in Nagano. In a village where we have long neglected an earnest call, we expect immediately to take up work.

**Mrs. Schenck's
Work.**

After one year's residence in Nagano, and as long engaged in the teaching of English, I am prepared to say it is not a useless or thankless service, being thus able to reach some in my native language, whilst unable to use Japanese.

We had not been in our home in Nagano two days before two young lads applied for English instruction. They were students from Tokyo. Consenting to wait until we were settled, I promised to teach them, but on condition of the Bible being taught part of the time. From January to July I refused far more than I accepted for tuition, for accommodations were limited in our home. My classes numbered from three to thirteen. I taught perhaps about twenty-five young men thus. After my return in the Fall, I went one step further, and received only those who signified a desire to know about Christianity, giving the entire time to the study of the Bible. I have had more classes and larger ones. I have thus reached between thirty and forty young men.

My work of teaching English whilst I am waiting for a per-

sonal teacher, so that I may enter into evangelistic work, (the desire of my heart) has not been in vain, and has had its bright side, as well as its many encouragements, though it has had its difficulties and opposition also from Buddhists and Buddhism.

ICHINOSEKI.

This new station, which has been under contemplation for some time with a view to providing oversight of the work in the North, has been occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Harris. Mr. Harris writes :

We came here on October second and at once entered upon our work among and for the people of this place. For some three years an evangelist has been laboring here, but the tangible results are small. There is one Church member and one or two earnest inquirers. At present we have an attendance of thirty at our preaching services. The young people of the place are being reached by a service of song. A Chu-gakko is located here, and as the weeks pass we find quite a number of students attending our services. Teachers and students are almost daily visitors at our house. As to religion, the people of this region are quite indifferent. As a consequence the young people and children are quite free to do as they please. This no doubt accounts for the large number we are able to get into the Sunday-school. Since coming here we have made weekly visits from house to house, thus we have been able to interest some and to secure a larger attendance upon our services. Mrs. Harris has been doing a good work among the women. Together with her helper she started a meeting for Bible study and prayer. These meetings have been well attended.

The earnest attention of the Church at home ought to be drawn to the fact that more missionaries and money are needed for purely evangelistic work,—field work. Every cut falls heavily upon this part of our work ; and should these cuts continue it will be fearfully crippled. Without doubt it is a waste of money to place evangelists here and there over the country, and leave them to labor on for a term of years, without any encouragement except a visit now and then from a missionary. Where only this has been done, little or no progress has been made, and in some instances harm has been done. The moral atmosphere of this country is fearfully unwholesome. Wherever an evangelist goes he must breathe in an atmosphere tainted with infidelity, or isms and doubts. When, then, a young man goes forth fresh from his studies, in many instances, hardly knowing what he believes himself, what shall we expect ? How long will he be able to "preach and teach Jesus only ?" Not enough stress is laid upon the part these native workers take in establishing and building up the Church of Christ in this country.

What could we do without them ? True they are not doing what the missionary is, but they are doing an indispensable work. The only way to make them thoroughly effective is to place every young man as he comes from our seminary, for a time, under the direct oversight of a Missionary. In spite of those who say that Japan needs no more missionaries, we must emphasize the great need of more men in our ranks, who will be able, not only to go out among the people and preach and direct, but who will be all the while preparing our native helpers for the important part they have in the grand work.

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION.

Established 1859.

Organized 1889.

Missionaries.—Rev. H. Stout, D.D., *Nagasaki*; Rev. A. Oltmans, *Saga*; Rev. A. Pieters, *Nagasaki*; Rev. H. V. S. Peeke, *Kagoshima*.

Assistant Missionaries —Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Oltmans, Mrs. Pieters, Mrs. Peeke, Miss S. M. Couch, Miss H. M. Lansing, Miss A. K. Stryker, Miss A. B. Stout.

REPORT FOR 1898.

The close of the year 1898 finds the entire force of the mission on the field, the Rev. H. Stout, D. D., and family having been welcomed back early in November. The number of Assistant Missionaries was increased by the appointment of Miss Anna B. Stout. This appointment made it possible to excuse Miss Lansing from duty in Sturges Seminary for a time, so that she could devote herself entirely to the study of the language. To give her fuller opportunity for this, she was transferred to Kagoshima. She took up her residence there in the beginning of September.

**Successful
Seed-Sowing.**

As to the work in general, considered from the standpoint of seed-sowing, it has been one of the most prosperous and successful years the mission has had. Two ordained missionaries with a good knowledge of the Japanese language have been busy throughout the year, preaching the good news in public and private, and in co-operating with the evangelists in their districts. Three ordained native ministers and seventeen unordained preachers have had this as their sole duty, and, with a few exceptions, they have performed this duty in a faithful and efficient manner. Neither have they lacked hearers. All reports agree that audiences were never more numerous or more attentive than at present. Tracts have been distributed, the Bible has been taught, and in ways and places more than ever before men have been invited to look unto Jehovah and be saved.

The same thing is true of schools, where the regular religious instruction has reached a point of better organization and greater efficiency than ever before. What is said in one of the reports is true of the whole field under the mission: "There is more Bible reading, more listening to good instruction, more prayer on the field now than ever before."

Little Progress

Looked at from the standpoint of reaping, however, the record is quite different. If it be asked: "What is the apparent result of all this labor, what development in the Christian life of the Church can



be perceived, how many people have been hopefully converted, how much can be discerned of general advance all along the line, towards the permanent and final establishment of the kingdom of God in Japan ?" the reluctant answer must be given that the lack of progress is the most prominent characteristic of the year 1898. There is a hopeful tone about many of the reports, but it will not escape the attentive reader that the hopeful elements are usually prospects only. When we come to examine the work accomplished there is but little to show for the year's labor. In certain sections there is indeed distinct advance, as in Oita, where a blessed work of grace is going on. In some departments of the Christian life, also, the record is good. Self-support has received a new impulse at Nagasaki, at Kagoshima, and elsewhere.

***Adverse
Conditions.***

But such improvement is balanced by reverse conditions in other places; in Nakatsu and Karatsu, where the work is well nigh dead; at Usabara, where three years of self-sacrificing effort on the part of an excellent and pious man among the Eta, appear to be quite fruitless; in Shibushi, where the question arises whether the evangelist ought not to be dismissed as without the qualifications for the work; in Nagasaki, where one actually has been dismissed; in Steele College, where boys nurtured in Christian homes and taught from childhood in this Christian school have defiled the Christian name by immoral practices. Attendance at public worship and observance of the Lord's Day have languished, the average number of worshippers in the regular services being only half the number of communicants reported.

We should comfort ourselves somewhat if this condition were extraordinary, and should refer to "results that cannot be tabulated," were it not for the fact that no increase has taken place in the number of communicants connected with the mission for the last eight years. The number reported in 1891 was three hundred, and it has not materially varied since. The number of baptisms this year is smaller than usual, averaging only one convert to each preacher.

***Must Advance on
our Knees.***

It is not pleasant to read or to write such reports, but it will do us no good to blind ourselves to the fact that the manifestation of the Spirit and of power has long been markedly absent from our work. Indeed, we shall miss the blessing there is in such an annual review as this if we do not allow ourselves to see the true condition of affairs so clearly as to be driven to our knees by it. To be discouraged by it is quite a different thing. That cannot happen to us until we lose our faith in him who has said that from the rising of the sun* even to the going down of the same his name should be great among the Gentiles. In the missionary work in Japan it is pre-eminently true that we walk by faith, not by sight.

*The word "Japan" means "The rising of the sun."

and our attitude will be all the more that of faith as we realize clearly that sight has nothing to offer us.

KAGOSHIMA STATION.

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE, REV. H. V. S. PEEKE.

*Improved
Conditions.*

Aside from the fact that Mr. Peeke has not been able to do his work with the vigor that springs from abounding health, there has not been anything especially to deplore. Language study has been prosperously carried forward. When the time came for the missionary to tour, his reception was most kind, and the audiences very satisfactory. The native workers, too, have all enjoyed signal blessings, and harmony has reigned everywhere. No great numbers have been baptized, but there has been a widening and deepening on each field, and the status of the work as a whole is much better than a year ago. There are about fifteen inquirers on the whole field who seem nearly ripe for baptism, and others, here and there, are quietly seeking the way. There is more Bible reading, more listening to good instruction, more prayer on the field now than ever before. There does not seem to be what is sometimes called a "boom" anywhere, simply an accumulation the result of constant effort on the part of those interested and engaged.

Mr. Peeke has done little, almost no, stated instructing in the Bible in Kagoshima, but has preached and called a good deal while touring in the country. Still, he has preached and called in the city more than ever before. Mrs. Peeke did a great deal of faithful language study early in the year, has superintended her ragged school of about thirteen pupils, and has maintained a weekly neighborhood meeting most of the time.

Mr. Peeke gives the following notes in regard to each out-station:

"KAGOSHIMA—The Church people here have been exercising themselves the whole year on the question of a new location for their Church building, for they were obliged to move. There was much necessary talking and consulting, and eventually a splendidly located lot was secured, and the old building was transferred to it at a cost of Yen 150.00 (\$75.00 U. S. Currency). Of this amount, three-fifths were gathered together by the Japanese Christians and they assumed all responsibility and trouble connected with the enterprise. They are few in number, but they did finely, surprising themselves as much as others at how much they were really able to do. They are already reaping the indirect spiritual benefit that comes from an effort of this kind, while all our meetings are feeling the advantage of the new site. I was able to rent a preaching place on a busy street in the fall, and have had a number of well attended meetings while in the city over Sabbath. The pastor has been active with a magic lantern as opportunity offered. This year we have had the pleasant expe-

rience of having native Christians from other places, on coming to Kagoshima, show their colors and attend meetings. It has done us much good to be reinforced in this manner. Sunday schools have been maintained at the Church, the ragged school, and Miss Lansing's house.

"MIAKONOJO.—There are some very good things to be said for this field. Mr. Shiraishi, the evangelist, has more points to his credit than any other Japanese worker I have met. He studies industriously in the morning, and calls systematically in the afternoon. He keeps track of all publications likely to help his evangelistic work, and informs the foreign missionary. He takes a number of religious papers, binds together a month's issues, and lends them regularly to interested parties. The prayer meeting and Sunday morning service have gone on regularly, though he has not been so successful with the evening meetings. He also goes out into the country to three villages, and has calling acquaintances wherever he goes. I have visited this field twice, spending two weeks each time. On these occasions we have preached together fourteen times in the country and seven times in the city to good audiences. We have had successive meetings in certain places for two and even three nights, with increasing attendance. One man, a basket weaver, was baptized in October, and there are three more men waiting till spring to receive the rite. Of these four, three bid fair to be fixtures in the neighborhood, so we are much encouraged, even though the Christians of former days have, by removals and discipline, been reduced to four women. The number of those who are disposed to be friendly, and who are doing some thinking is greater than ever before. There is something of a weakening among the stolidly Buddhist city people, for Mr. Shiraishi is making some friends, and during most of the year it has been possible to rent a place in the very heart of the town for occasional preaching meetings. The activity of the workers of the Congregational mission has had a helpful influence on our work.

"SHIBUSHI.—Two visits, covering more than three weeks, have been made to this field this year, and preaching has been done with the evangelist at seven places. Mr. Yoshidomi is expected to visit Osaka and Fukushima once a month and, with some exceptions, has done so. This place, in common with others, shows considerable change in its attitude towards the preacher and his work as compared with a few years ago ; but individuals, while very friendly, have shown little disposition to consider carefully matters pertaining to eternal life. At Fukushima, two young men began to inquire very earnestly. One has gone on and asked for baptism, the other has been forbidden by his parents to have anything more to do with the gospel, so he has ceased his investigations, though he claims not to have lost all interest in the truth. There have been two Christian funerals at Shibushi, with their incidental witness to the Gospel, and at my last visit I baptized

the three youngest children of the older of the two Christians now left in the town.

"KAWANABE.—This is the center of a very interesting work. The stations outside are Kago, ten miles to the south, Tabuse, seven miles to the north, and Isaku, still two miles beyond this. These are visited monthly. Mr. Takahashi is in charge, and is carrying on his work with vigor. An old gentleman and an infant were baptized in the spring, the former destined soon to pass out into the church triumphant. Two families of adherents have been at odds with the other worshippers for a year and a half, but at my last visit they confessed their error, and we may now expect their attendance at meetings. There have been as many as five young men on this field regularly searching the Scriptures, but soon leaving for positions in distant localities. Mr. Takahashi follows them with letters and prayers, and has the satisfaction of knowing that some of them are still hopeful inquirers. The Kawanabe village work is especially hopeful. There are two young men, one a much respected teacher, just about assuming the name of Christian, and five or six women, who have been standing on the threshold of confession of faith for a couple of years. I have all hope that another year will see these all enrolled among the members of the visible church. Besides these there are a number of other women who have begun to come to the Sunday and Friday evening meetings with considerable regularity.

"Kago has a teacher who has studied the Bible more or less, and a former teacher who has arrived at the stage where he is anxious because faith does not seem to spring up in his heart. Tabuse reports good attendance at meetings and cordial treatment of the worker, while intensely Buddhistic Isaku can always be relied upon for an uproarious meeting, with one or two homes where the preacher is welcomed when calling. Taken altogether, there is "body" to this Kawanabe work, and more than the usual promise even for their year of good prospects.

"IBUSUKI CIRCUIT.—The evangelist in charge of this field has been Mr. Nagata. I went with him over every part of it once during the spring. The "grand circuit" includes a visit to the towns south of Kagoshima lying on the the west of the bay, while the towns on the east of the bay are visited on the return trip. He thus visits from eight to ten places in all. He is cordially received wherever he goes, and has plenty of opportunities to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. The especially important points are Imaizumi, Ibusuki, and Tarumizu. Some of the towns on this circuit have been visited this year for the first time. There are interested people in almost every place, and some are really carefully examining the truth; though there is only one person who can be called an actual inquirer, having baptism as his definite aim.

"HITOYOSHI.—This field has had comparatively good attention this year. The dozen Christians, the rather cold remnant of the

stirring work of ten years ago, have been revived to a certain extent. There is more Bible reading, more prayer, and more gathering for service than a year ago. Things are certainly on the up-grade, though progress is slow. A young business man was baptized in the spring. This is the first addition by baptism to the Hitoyoshi Christians in eight or ten years. Recently two other young men definitely asked help in investigating the gospel. There have been visits to Taragi, about ten miles further up the valley, and meetings and attempts at meetings elsewhere. There is a mystery about this field that baffles me. These lukewarm Christians are regarded by outsiders as representative Christian people, but yet receive no apparent ill will, while there is an evident fear among those not yet Christians, especially teachers, to be known as considering Christianity at all, for fear of possible persecution. I hope some day to inaugurate more vigorous work here with a first-rate worker. When this is done, I would like to see a series of lecture meetings in their large theatre, used somewhat as artillery fire, preceding an infantry attack."

SAGA STATION.

REV. A. OLTMANS, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

*Foreign
Missionaries.*

The foreign force in this station has remained the same, Mr. Oltmans being still the only one in charge of this wide field. Repeated requests have been made to the Board for reinforcements, but these could not be granted, owing to the straitened condition of the treasury. Some relief, however, has been obtained by the return of Dr. Stout, who has taken charge of three out-stations that lie near Nagasaki.

*Japanese
Workers.*

The Japanese ministers and evangelists in connection with the station have all continued in their old locations, and have had hardly any interruptions by reason of ill health. It grieves us to say that the pastor of the Church at Karatsu, has behaved in such a way as to make it necessary for the Classis to suspend him from the ministry. The immediate occasion of discipline was a rumor that he had misappropriated the property of the church. When this came to be rumored among the Christians, they were much exercised over it, and the Classis appointed a committee to investigate the truth of the statements. This committee, in its report, brought formal charges against the pastor for misuse of property held in trust for the church, for neglect of the sacred office, and other lighter offences. After due trial, resulting in conviction, the pastor was suspended, a sentence that will probably be followed by deposition, if no signs of repentance are forthcoming. While the case itself is exceedingly sad, it was reassuring to see the vigor with which the proper body of the native church took up the matter, and to see that the seriousness of such an abuse of trust was clearly recognized. This is the first case of disciplinary suspension from the

sacred ministry within the bounds of the Kiushiu Classis, and we earnestly hope it may be the last.

During the year the financial stringency resulting from the abnormal increase in the cost of living made it necessary for the mission to do something for the temporal relief of the men and their families, which was very gratefully received. It is still a cause of great rejoicing to know that there exists a strong bond of sympathy between the Japanese workers and the members of the mission.

Out-Stations. The number of out-stations connected with this part of the field was in the month of November increased by one, viz., Usuki. This was taken over from our Presbyterian brethren at their earnest and repeated request. It is a place located on the Bungo channel, running between the islands of Kiushiu and Shikoku, some twenty-five miles beyond Oita, which had thus far been the extreme limit of the Saga field. The practical oversight of this additional place became possible by the transfer of three out-stations about Nagasaki to the Nagasaki Station, as mentioned above. Usuki adds one to the out-stations that cannot yet be reached by rail, of which there are four out of the ten at present connected with the Saga station.

Work of the Missionary. The work of the foreign missionary has been, as usual, that of general oversight and practical co-operation with all the out-stations. Altogether, something like three thousand eight hundred miles of traveling was done, in visits to and from the out-stations. Perhaps about three-fourths of this was by rail, the rest by jinrikisha and small steamer. Besides this, there was traveling to mission meetings, to meetings of Classis, and to the meetings of Synod and to that of the Council of Missions. Also an extra trip at the end of the year to a meeting of a committee to arrange for a general missionary conference.

At Saga, a Bible class of students from the Middle School was carried on three times a week, nominally, but practically only at such odd intervals as the missionary was at home. The number has been limited to ten because of the size of the room where the meetings are held. A good deal of genuine interest in the Bible seems to have developed among the students.

One of the specialties of the past year was a visit to Kumamoto, where, at the request of the students of the Higher Middle School, Mr. Oltmans delivered two lectures, one directly on Christianity in a Methodist Church building, attended by about three hundred students of said school, and one on a moral subject in the school building, which was attended by about five hundred students and teachers. The request came through the students who had formerly studied the Bible with Mr. Oltmans at Saga, while attending school there. In view of the general attitude of the educational classes of Japan towards Christianity, these meetings at

Kumamoto are a sign of great encouragement. At the first of the two meetings mentioned, Revs. Peery and Brown, of the Lutheran Mission, also spoke. This same school at Kumamoto has recently employed an active missionary of the place as teacher of English for certain hours in the week.

Native Work.

In some of the out-stations, no perceptible advance has been made, and in a number of them no baptisms have taken place during the year. Nevertheless, he who understands somewhat the conditions under which Christianity is at present laboring in Japan, will know that the real results of the work cannot at all be adequately expressed by statistics of membership. The year 1898 has been one of great trial of faith along certain lines. In many cases pressure from worldly inducements has been brought to bear upon our Christians, and not all have borne the trial well. Then, again, the constantly increasing migratory habits of the people have scattered small Christian bodies, and the individuals moving out do not always land within reach of Christian fellowship. This is disappointing, and often seems a decided loss, though it does not always prove to be such in the end. Like the Christians scattered from Jerusalem in Apostolic days, so do these carry with them "the seed of the word" and some, at least, do not forget to sow it. Thus other influences for good are started, and though we may not always be able to follow up definite results, there can be no doubt that results of far reaching good follow in a great many cases. Here and there additions have been made to the number of believers, and the individual cases have been almost without exception of a very encouraging nature. One out-station, viz, Oita,* has been specially blessed by a number of additions, and at the end of the year the condition is still that of growing spiritual prosperity. There are a number of earnest candidates now, who hope soon to receive baptism.

A letter recently received speaks of fierce persecution having broken out in a village not far from Oita, by reason of the spread of Christianity there through the labors of our evangelist and those of an earnest Christian connected with him. The same letter speaks of a determination on the part of at least one to be "faithful unto death."

Inquiry Meetings.

A somewhat new feature of the work has been considerably developed in this field during the year. It is that of holding frequent meetings, called sometimes "conversation meetings" sometimes "inquiry meetings." The purpose is to draw closer to the people than can be done in ordinary preaching services. As a rule, personal invi-

*It is an interesting fact that this is the place where the intercourse of Japan with the Occident began with the men from a Portugese vessel about 1543, and where the great Jesuit, Francis Xavier, met with his most signal success.

tations are sent out to attend these meetings, and many who would hesitate to come to a preaching service on the public streets will readily come to these somewhat private meetings of inquiry. Another advantage is that we have the opportunity in these meetings to draw out the thoughts of the people on the subject of religion and hence know how to approach them to the greatest advantage. Already apparently much good has resulted from this kind of work, and we hope to pursue it with more earnestness in the future.

NAGASAKI STATION.

New Chapel in the City.

Report for the previous year referred to the difficulty in getting a suitable preaching place in the city of Nagasaki, and expressed the conviction that unless one were found not much advance could be hoped for. Accordingly, great efforts were made during the first two or three months of the year to find such a place, and prayer was frequently offered that one might be found. These prayers were answered, and in the beginning of May a house was definitely rented for a term of two years. This building is in the heart of the city, a few steps to one side of one of the main thoroughfares, and has proved to be admirably adapted to our purposes. Meetings have been held there every Sunday evening since, with one or two exceptions. Not only regular preaching services, but magic lantern meetings, and other gatherings have been held, and owing to its excellent location the place became the favorite meeting room for united meetings of the various denominations.

While this great advantage of a suitable location has been gained, however, the work has not really prospered. One great reason for this has been the lack of the evangelist in faithfulness and zeal, as well as in distinct qualification for the work, and it was reluctantly decided to call for his resignation. This was promptly placed in the hands of the secretary, and his relations to the work terminated in December. A fine location has been obtained, and the Christians have been interested in the work. We may now hope that the new year will give more reason for encouragement, as this work has been put into the hands of the Rev. A. Segawa, whose superior qualities as a Christian, a preacher, and a worker make him the best man available.

The Nagasaki Church.

This Church took another step forward in the beginning of the year in assuming the payment of the janitor's wages. This was the last item paid by the mission, and assuming it rendered the church really independent financially, with the exception that they paid no rent for the use of the building, which is owned by the mission. The expenses connected with this property, however, are nearly covered by the rent of an annexed shop to the American Bible Society, so that the mission has not been to any actual outlay in connection with the Nagasaki church during the past year.

In spiritual things, the year has not been marked. In common

with the other parts of the field, a condition of spiritual drought has prevailed, but no untoward events have occurred to disturb the peace of the congregation. The church has enjoyed for the greater part of the year, the ministrations of its own evangelist, Mr. Ojima, and his sermons and personal work have brought the truth home faithfully to his hearers.

When, in the fall, it became clear that the theological department of Steele College could not be reopened this year, the people of the church desired to have Mr. Segawa as their pastor. Since his salary is larger than that of an ordinary evangelist, some of the members feared that such action would destroy the self-supporting character of the church, but it was arranged that the church should pay from its own funds so much as would be necessary in case any other of the Japanese ministers were its pastor, and the mission paid the remainder on account of the work in the city, the evangelist of which had resigned, as already stated. The arrangement thus completed seems generally satisfactory, and gives good reason to hope that both the work of the church and of the chapel will be carried forward with vigor hereafter. One encouraging sign in the life of the church has been increasing faithfulness in its treatment of those who had openly defiled the Christian name, or who testified by constant and long continued neglect of the means of grace that they considered Christian things as of no importance.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Miss Couch reports as follows :

"My training class for women has numbered five during the first two terms of the year, although only three have been in attendance since the fall term began. Rev. A. Segawa has kindly assisted in teaching during the greater part of the year. Besides my daily class of women, I have continued teaching four Bible classes each week in the Seminary. The last term's work of these classes, both as shown in the daily recitations and in the final examination, has been very satisfactory. From the beginning of the fall term, the second week in September, to the middle of November, when Miss Stout began her work in the school, I gave assistance in the ordinary work of teaching. I have also had, during a large part of the year, a weekly class for any of the school girls who wished to study the Bible with special reference to becoming Christians. From six to twelve have attended.

"Two Sunday-schools have been kept up. We were obliged to change the location of one of them after the summer vacation. A few children who came to the former place now go to the regular church Sunday-school. In place of the one given up, we opened another at our new preaching place in the town in September. On an average about twenty sit down on the mats and listen, besides a changing audience of men, women, and children who stand in the door-way. Several pupils are very regular in attendance.

"Until spring, two knitting schools were held in order to in-

terest women and children in the respective neighborhoods. These have not been re-opened in the fall.

"My helper, Miss Muto, has one weekly and one monthly meeting for women. One other woman, who has been with me nearly three years, has, since the summer vacation, in addition to her study, been going two or three afternoons a week to call. I, too, have done a little as time permitted.

"My touring last spring was done in the northern field. In company with one of my women I visited six stations, held fourteen meetings for women, and made about thirty calls. I planned to visit the southern district in the fall but for reasons of health did not carry out my intention. Throughout the year I have continued my study of the language."

EDUCATIONAL.

STURGES SEMINARY.

Miss Stryker reports as follows :

"The average attendance during the year has been fifty-four, of whom twenty-seven have been boarders. The largest attendance of the year is always in the spring term, when pupils enter from the government school. There were twenty-two new pupils last spring, and of that number we still have fifteen.

"In the fall term, four of the boarders were received into the church, having received special instruction for some weeks before from Miss Couch and Mr. Ojima. Of these, one has since left us to be married. Most of the teachers have done good work, and the indications are favorable, both among teachers and pupils, for good work during the coming year.

"My Sunday afternoon Bible class, composed of the younger pupils in the Boarding department, has had an average voluntary attendance of thirteen during the year. One has joined the church and there is more interest shown by all than at first.

"The King's Daughters' Society now numbers thirteen, including myself. The meetings are held Saturday afternoon. A few minutes are given to religious exercises, and then the time is spent in work and talk. The work is sold, and the money thus earned is given to help take care of the Japanese orphans. At the last meeting in 1898, it was voted that hereafter a collection should be taken at the first meeting in each month, and that a greater effort be made to accomplish more work the coming year.

"Miss Stout came to us in November, and was cordially welcomed by both teachers and pupils, many of whom remembered her as an old friend. During the weeks of the fall term previous to her coming, Miss Couch helped in the teaching.

"In March, we graduated from the Advanced Course a class of three girls, all church members. Of these, one is now married to a man who is nominally a Christian, another is teaching near Karatsu, while the third is engaged to be married to one of our evangelists.

STEELE COLLEGE.

REV. A. PIETERS, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

***Theological
Department.***

As stated in the Annual Report of 1897, this department was suspended during that year, owing to the lack of students and the continued absence in America of Dr. Stout. During the year now under review, it has not been found possible to re-open it, although it is hoped that this may be done next year.

***Academic
Department.***

During the past year, no changes of importance have taken place in the curriculum or general management of this department. The new class that entered in the Spring was not so large as that of the previous year, a fact that was doubtless owing to insufficient advertising, due to reduced appropriations. In a school that has so little fixed patronage from a Christian constituency, advertising and other similar forms of effort are a prime necessity. The students that come to us are largely from homes of small means. Few of them intend to take the entire course when they enter, and these few are often obliged to give up their purpose at the end of two or three years. The shrinkage is thus very great, so great that unless the entering classes are made very large, they are in danger of soon dwindling away altogether.

***Industrial
Department.***

in the upper classes, and of giving earnest stu-

It was partly in the hope of checking this very severe shrinkage in the number of pupils

dents assistance in completing their course, that the most important new departure of the year was begun. This is the establishment of an industrial department, in which it was hoped that the students might be able to earn at least half of their support. This was by no means a new thought. Such an industrial department has for several years formed an important part of the Tohoku Gakuin, the German Reformed school in Sendai, and of the Aoyama Gakuin, the prominent Methodist school in Tokoyo. It was attempted some years ago, unsuccessfully, by the Methodist school here. It is now carried on at the Southern Methodist school in Kobe to a limited extent.

Reasons For It.

The objects that we hope to gain by it are the following :

1. To enable some to attend the school who would otherwise not be able to come at all.
2. To hold students for the upper classes, by reducing the financial difficulties involved in long continued attendance.
3. To relieve the mission from the necessity of supporting students.
4. To cultivate among the students a willingness to work and a recognition of the dignity of manual labor properly performed.

**Laundry
Established.**

The opportunity for a financially successful enterprise seemed to be at hand, in that the laundry work of the foreign residents of the port was performed by the Japanese workmen in a very unsatisfactory and unsanitary manner. Many residents were ready to welcome a laundry properly equipped under foreign direction. Accordingly, after full investigation, it was resolved to establish an Industrial Laundry in connection with Steele College. As the mission had no appropriation for such a purpose, individual missionaries advanced the required capital, a small outfit was ordered from America, and the laundry was opened during the summer. The entire cost, including losses sustained on the working expenses to the end of the year was a little over a thousand yen (\$500.00). The mission has not been involved in the enterprise except to the extent of permitting the use of the gymnasium rent free. There would be every reason to believe that the department would meet with gratifying financial success, were it not for two great difficulties. The first is the failure of the city water supply, on which we had depended. This has happened but once before since the pipes were laid. This difficulty, while serious so long as it lasts, is probably a matter of a few months only, as the spring rains can hardly fail to fill the reservoir. The second difficulty is permanent and serious, nothing less than the establishment in Nagasaki of a steam laundry, equipped with American machinery of the latest description, managed by expert American laundrymen, and involving a capital of from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand yen (\$8000-\$10,000.) This enterprise was not yet under contemplation when we ordered our outfit. It is established by some of the owners of a fine new hotel especially to do its work. They solicit, however, general custom as well, and their capacity is sufficient to do all, or nearly all, the laundry work of the port. This changes the situation materially. It is to be feared that the Steele Industrial Laundry has not much chance against such competition.

While, however, the enterprise has not prospered financially, and perhaps will not soon attain its purpose in this particular, it has not been altogether a failure. Two young men who had enjoyed support for several years, when asked to go to work in the laundry suddenly found relatives ready and able to help them. They are still in school, paying all their own expenses. Others have won profound respect by the manly way in which they have taken hold of even the unpleasant parts of the work, and by the perseverance displayed. Some of these are from families of the old "samurai" class, who always considered manual labor degrading. Yet they go in the laundry work now, with the consent of their parents, without losing caste among the other students. At the end of the year, eight boys were regularly at work, receiving an average wage of two yen a month.

At the commencement in June, two students, both Christians, graduated from the school. One of these was a most promising

young man, having the ministry in view, blessed with excellent talents and sterling Christian character. He went to Kagoshima to help Mr. Peeke for a year, after which he hopes to begin the study of theology.

During the fall term, one of the saddest events in the history of the school took place. It was discovered that several of the upper class boys had been guilty of gross immorality. Almost all the young men involved were Christians and the sons of Christian families. Some of the guilty ones had voluntarily left the school before the matter became public. Those that remained were expelled, although it was a great grief that such severe action was necessary.

This whole scandal naturally had an injurious effect on the religious interest in the school, and especially on the voluntary Christian work of the Young Men's Christian Association. This has been throughout the year in a languishing state. At the close of the period covered by this report, there are but five communicants left among the students, although there are several others who are from Christian homes and throw the weight of their influence on the Christian side.

Not a single conversion has taken place during the year.

Altogether, the religious condition of the institution is such as to excite the gravest thought. The seriousness of the situation is recognized, not only by the missionaries, but by the native teachers and Christians as well. Much earnest prayer is offered that the coming year may be more fruitful in spiritual things.

THE ARABIAN MISSION.

Organized 1889.

Incorporated 1891.

Adopted by R. C. A. 1894.

Missionaries.—Revs. James Cantine, S. M. Zwemer, P. J. Zwemer, F. J. Barny, George E. Stone: H. R. L. Worrall, M. D., Sharon J. Thoms, M. D.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. S. M. Zwemer, Mrs. F. J. Barny, Marion Wells Thoms, M. D.

Native Assistants.—Yakoob Sawa, Micha, Isa Abd El Messia, Daniel, Murad, Jusuf Micha, Elias Bakkoos, *Colporteurs*.

Elias Behnan.—*Dispensary Assistant*.

S. M. David — *Teacher Rescued Slave School*.

Abd El Ahad, Jusuf Seesoo, *Arabic Teachers*.

THE MISSION OCCUPIES:

1. *The Busrah vilayet.*—Area, 50,000 square miles; population, 700,000.

2. *Bahrein Islands and adjacent coast.*—Area, undefined; population, 300,000.

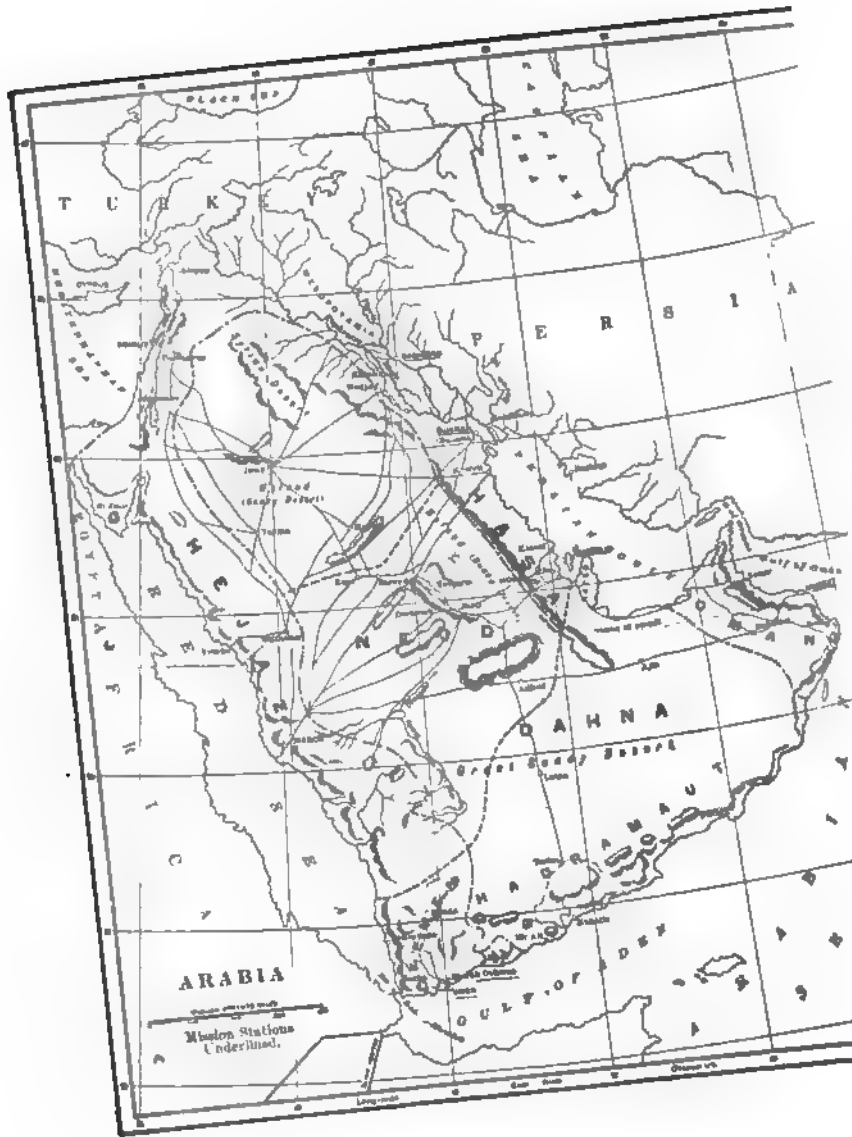
3. *Oman.*—Area, undefined; population, estimated, 500,000.

Stations.—Busrah, 1891; Bahrein, 1892; Muscat, 1893. *Out-Stations*—Amara, 1895; Nasariyeh, 1897.

REPORT FOR 1898.

The year that is passed will ever be remembered for the great change it brought with it to our mission staff in the loss of our dear brother, Peter John Zwemer, and in the arrival of four new missionaries from America.

The death of our Muscat pioneer, the first *Peter J. Zwemer*, herald of the cross to penetrate into the mountains of Oman, was a severe blow not only to his own station and work but to the mission at large. "Of those qualifications which make for success in our field he had not a few. His social instincts led him at once to make friends among the Arabs and while his vocabulary was still very limited he would spend hours in the coffee shops and the market. His exceptional musical talents also attracted and made for him many acquaintances besides proving a constant pleasure to his associates. Many a difficulty was surmounted by his hopefulness and buoyancy of disposition which even pain and sickness could not dampen or destroy. To his enthusiasm in advocating his plans



is due both the inauguration and development of Muscat station. The school for freed slaves is the outcome of his individual effort, carried forward in the face of many difficulties, and it will we trust prove an enduring living monument to his memory." He laid down his life for Arabia as truly as did Keith Falconer and Bishop French, and we believe that even as they, so he, will bring forth much fruit as a grain of wheat which falls into the ground and dies. Oman will yet prove a harvest field for the Kingdom of Christ.

On the other hand our forces were strengthened, and the prayers of days past answered in the arrival on the field of four new missionaries. *New Missionaries.* On October ninth Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Zwemer returned to Bahrein with Rev. George E. Stone; about the same time Mrs. Barny (Miss Rice) reached Muscat; and on January 7th of this year Dr. and Mrs. Sharon J. Thoms came to Busrah. Never before has our number been so large and at last, after years of waiting, we can truthfully say we have enough missionaries to occupy our three stations on the coast.

There has also been a forward movement in regard to the number and character of our native helpers. During the year we have employed four Christians from the Protestant Church at Mardin and we believe these trained workers will prove superior and more stable than the mixed multitude whom we have had to engage and dismiss periodically in years past. Several of our present staff have passed through persecution and are strong in Christian character.

As soon as the new workers arrived on the field they began Arabic study under good teachers, and good progress has been made. *Language Study.* Mr. Barny is prepared for his first examination and all of us have had advantages during the year for further study.

We continue to put the distribution of the Word of God at the very forefront of our efforts. *Bible Work.* The character of this work is much the same at all our stations and enjoys nearly equal opportunities and liberty. It is encouraging to note that the British and Foreign Bible Society have increased their grant in aid and the American Bible Society continued theirs. The Scripture circulation for Busrah Station is twenty per cent. above that of last year and this in spite of a dearth of colporteurs at the beginning of the year. Bahrein was somewhat neglected from necessity in the absence of its missionary, and yet the total circulation for the year on the basis of the sales during the last quarter would be larger than ever before. Especially at Amara, our Bible depot has been a gathering place for those who inquired the way of life. Our

shop-keeper there is a fisher-of-men and God has blessed his work. The large circulation of Scripture and the small number of those who dare to drink of the living-water is sometimes discouraging ; but, oh, the joy of sitting by the well-side when some thirsty son of the deserts comes to drink ! When God's spirit makes a Moslem to love the word of Truth it is no wonder he forsakes the broken cistern of Islam. At Bahrein a larger per cent. than usual of our sales were to women, quite a number of whom can read for themselves ; in this way the Bible is finding a place in the family life as well as among the learned.

The value of the medical missions in opening
Medical Work. the way for the preaching of the Gospel has very often been dwelt upon and is very obvious. Equally potent, however, is this method of work in breaking the bondage of superstition, educating the masses as to the motives of Christianity, levelling social distinctions and pride, and last, but not least, the purely humanitarian aspect of relieving suffering. In all of these directions our dispensary at Busrah and the similar work at Bahrein have done at least something during the year past. Limited as to men and means, with opportunities for larger work and wider influence ever before us, we cannot say that we are satisfied with present results. On this department of our work we need to write amplius for many years to come, if we would prove faithful to our God-given opportunities. Dr. Worrall's time and strength were given to the work at Busrah except when he was on tour with one of our colporteurs. Many operations were performed. To enumerate all the interesting cases would be to catalogue a host of patients, and a large heap of gratitude for suffering relieved. Some came from long distances and remained under treatment for some days, but the greater number were out-patients. The total number of cases recorded at Busrah was 3677, and at Bahrein, during the last quarter, 480. The receipts from patients was a total of Rs. 288-4.

Closely related to healing the sick was the
Work for Women. work carried on at Bahrein during a part of the year, by Mrs. Zwemer, for our Arabian sisters. The door of access is wide open, at least in Eastern Arabia; women and children flock to the mission house at all hours of the day and on every conceivable errand ; the problem often is not how to get them to come but how to get them away. At their houses, too, they are glad to receive visits from "the Christian lady" and willing to hear the gospel read and explained. By entering their lowly homes we are brought in close contact with much poverty and suffering, and this also opens a way for the gospel of a good meal and a flannel garment. As our new lady missionaries learn Arabic and begin work we look for larger endeavors and results at all of our stations in this direction.

**Rescued Slave
School.**

The boys are rapidly growing to man's estate and realize that life is before them. In their studies they have made considerable progress and though they may not prove intellectual giants yet several would put to shame the average American boy of like age and opportunities. Manual training is what they most need at present, so that when they leave our care they may not be indolent or dependent but willing to work and able to earn a living. We trust it will not be difficult to find suitable places for each of them when they reach that stage.

**Mission
Dwellings.**

The problem of shelter and home for the mission workers remains very serious at all our stations. In Busrah we were compelled to move from the hired house occupied for five years past to another further up the creek and nearer the native quarter. It was a financial question and the landlord would not compromise. We have saved mission funds and gained a larger house, though perhaps not so beautiful outwardly as the old one. So far the change seems to be without detriment to our health or our work and what at first seemed a disaster may yet prove a blessing. At Bahrein our mission quarters are too narrow and inconvenient for other than single men. By expending some money on repairs and improvements we have managed to get through the winter. But we must either build or enlarge the present rented house before long, or take serious risks on the health and comfort of those at this station. The improvements made upon the mission house at Muscat during the year past decidedly contribute to make the summer more endurable at that station. But Peter J. Zwemer was unable to complete all the changes contemplated and the house still needs improvement before it approaches in comfort and healthfulness the usual European residence in the East.

Itinerating.

The character of preaching in Moslem lands is best described by the words in Acts 28:30 and 31, but we would not have any think that the only preaching possible in Arabia is within the four walls of the mission house. Itinerating must hold a supreme place in all pioneer work ; and itinerating is only a conventional word for the biblical expression "they went everywhere preaching the word." To sell a book is to preach a sermon ; for the prejudiced Moslem will not buy unless you persuade him. To go about in boats, on donkeys, on camels or on foot, in out-of-the-way places, is sure to become preaching, for we must always explain why we come to these places. Our colporteurs were on the road a large part of the year and travelled over seventeen hundred and twenty-five miles in selling their books and Scriptures. They endured the burden and heat of the day not only but were often reviled and gainsayed, sometimes beaten or imprisoned and yet always re-

gained liberty. One of them went alone on a journey to Hofhoof and braved the Pasha himself in witness for Christ. He is now on a journey along the Pirate-coast south of Bahrein.

Not counting our long journeys between our stations or outside of our field, the distance travelled by the missionaries themselves while itinerating was over thirteen hundred miles. As regards the results of all our preaching and touring we believe much of them are invisible and yet real. There is a species of jelly fish so transparent that, when caught and placed in a basin, its presence can only be detected by the disturbance it creates in the crowd of other animalculae. Stars are discovered sometimes by perturbations in their neighborhood. And so we are happy to recall the disturbances and excitements occasioned by some colporteur's visit or by some gospel or tract, in our various stations. The leaven is working and it cannot be that God's Word spoken or printed shall return unto Him void.

What it Costs to Become a Christian.

It is not a light thing to accept Christ in a Mohammedan land. During the year a Persian Seyyid came to Muscat on his way to India. At heart a Christian he still was outwardly a Mohammedan. Led to confess Christ openly before men during his stay with us, he went to the Bible Shop only to raise a mob of angry fanatics against him who threatened his life. He had to leave Muscat and escape to India. One of our old Busrah inquirers suffered much persecution and dropped out of sight; recently he turned up again and assured us his trust was in Jesus the Word of God. Another is reported in exile but sincere in his faith, although aged and broken by the heavy hand of the government upon him. Another, from whom we receive word regularly, and whose letters bring tears to our eyes, wrote from prison recently that he was bound with chains weighing many pounds, reviled, ill-treated, spat upon, beaten and forsaken of all his friends. And yet he adds, in the spirit of the early disciples, "With all this I am content with the suffering, because before me there came upon the Saviour these same sufferings, and I ask God for strength." At present it is becoming more difficult to communicate with him. He awaits the crown of martyrdom and has commended his wife and children to our care. They, too, are now under Christian influence and we pray the Spirit may do His work in their hearts also. During the year three men came from Amara expressing their distrust in Islam and seeking the more perfect way. At all of our stations there are those who are convinced of the truth of our message but have no boldness to break loose from the old system which has paralyzed the conscience and petrified the sense of responsibility.

As we review our feeble work during the
Our Great Need. twelve months past, and are conscious of the vast multitudes dead in trespasses and sins all around us, our only hope is in God. His Spirit alone has done the

work in the hearts of those who have left all for Christ. That Spirit alone can bring life to the thirsty wilderness. We plead by all the love of the crucified Saviour for more earnest, unremitting, importunate prayer on the part of the church at home for the conversion of Mohammedans. Pray with us in the words of Achsah : "Thou hast given me a South land, give me also springs of water !"

SCRIPTURES SOLD 1898.

	Bibles	Testaments	Portions	Total
Busrah.....	54	44	1103	1201
Bahrein.....	1	7	254	262
Muscat.....	13	3	551	547
Totals... ..	68	54	1888	2010

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

GENERAL SUMMARY, 1898-1899.

	CHINA.	INDIA.	NORTH JAPAN.	SOUTH JAPAN.	ARABIA	TOTAL.
Stations.....	8	7	7	8	3	23
Out-Stations and Preaching Places..	41	150	17	15	2	225
Missionaries, ordained.....	6	11	5	4	4	30
Missionaries, unordained.....		1	1		2	4
Assistant Missionaries, married....	5	12	6	4	3	30
Assistant Missionaries, unmarried..	7	4	7	4		22
Native Ordained Ministers.....	12	12	6	8		38
Other Native Helpers, men.....	30	208	16	17	11	282
Native Helpers, women.....	1	115	15	2		133
Churches.....	12	24	2	4		42
Communicants.....	1815	2304	516	318		4453
Received on Confession in 1898.....	128	223	28	20		399
Seminaries, boys'.....	2	4	1	1	1	9
Scholars.....	112	340	74	70	18	614
Seminaries, girls'.....	3	3	1	1		8
Scholars.....	114	193	42	54		403
Theological Schools.....	† 1	1	1	† 1		4
Students.....		36	13			49
Sunday Schools.....		156	37	22		215
Scholars.....		4621	1650	274		6545
Day Schools.....	19	150	2			177
Scholars.....	303	5332	30			6165
Hospitals and Dispensaries.....	† 3	1			2	6
Patients Treated.....	13847	12882			4157	30886
Native Contributions *.....	\$ 6165	\$2310	\$770	\$742		\$9987

* All contributions in silver. † Temporarily suspended. ‡ One at Sio-Khe closed & Aided during part of the year, but now separate from the Mission. The same is true of the other churches formerly reported. But all are connected with the "Church of Christ in Japan," and many of them self-supporting.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1858-1899.

	1858.	1868.	1878.	1888.	1898.	1899.
Stations.....	6	10	11	11	22	23
Out-stations and Preaching Places..	2	18	49	123	241	225
Missionaries, men.....	8	14	16	28	36	34
Missionaries, married women.....	6	12	11	21	31	30
Missionaries, unmarried women....	1		7	9	20	22
Native Ordained Ministers.....		4	6	26	30	33
Other Native Helpers, men.....	22	76	86	173	211	282
Native Helpers, women.....		2	10	47	41	133
Churches.....	7	13	31	47	47	*42
Communicants.....	297	816	1563	4559	5564	*4453
Boarding Schools, boys'.....		2	1	7	10	9
Scholars.....		55	40	308	517	614
Boarding Schools, girls'.....		1	3	5	10	8
Scholars.....		46	97	300	456	403
Theological Students.....		7	19	32	61	49
Day Schools.....	6	17	44	106	201	177
Scholars.....	87	413	1341	2612	6059	6165
Hospitals and Dispensaries.....		1	1		4	6
Patients Treated.....		15507	9673		18046	30886
Native Contributions.....		\$1134	\$1590	\$3325	\$10738	*\$9987

* Loss apparent not real; due to the separation of churches no longer under the care of the North Japan Mission, to the "Church of Christ in Japan," with which they are enrolled together with their communicants and contributions.

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board	Total.
Classis of Albany.						
First, Albany.....	\$642 17	.....	.....	\$ 10	\$315 65	\$ 967 82
Madison Avenue.....	696 08	.....	\$300	.....	817 99	1814 07
Third, Albany.....	8	10	.....	2 50	20	40 50
Fourth, Albany.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
Holland, Albany.....	7	25 60	.....	.....	20	52 60
First, Bethlehem.....	18 30	.....	.....	.....	29	47 30
Second, Bethlehem.....	54	25	.....	.....	22 77	101 77
Second, Berne.....	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 40
Knox.....	9 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 58
Clarksville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11
Coeymans.....	39 28	8 30	.....	.....	9 30	56 88
Jerusalem.....	6 39	4 31	5	4 72	18 25	38 67
New Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onesquethaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Baltimore.....	46 05	.....	25	.....	34 10	105 15
Union.....	2 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 16
Westerlo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sixth, Albany.....	7 65	.....	.....	.....	3 50	11 15
	1577 06	73 21	330	17 22	1301 56	3299 05
Classis of Bergen.						
First, Hackensack.....	702 38	50	25	10	106 23	893 61
Schraalenburgh.....	18 32	20	.....	.....	29 85	63 17
English Neighborhood.....	9 35	.....	.....	.....	24 82	34 17
New Durham.....	150	30	.....	10	179 69	369 69
West Hoboken Chapel.....	7 50	60	.....	.....	4	71 50
First, Hoboken.....	5 59	.....	.....	5	.....	10 59
North Bergen.....	88 34	.....	.....	.....	27	115 34
Second, Hackensack.....	182 14	59 90	.....	.....	.....	242 04
German Evang., Hoboken.....	30 06	.....	.....	35	.....	65 06
Third, Hackensack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Closter.....	20 11	6 61	.....	6	19 84	52 56
Palisades.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 28	5 28
Guttenberg.....	3 45	5	.....	.....	.....	8 45
Central Ave., Jersey City.....	18	.....	.....	2 50	10	25 50
Cherry Hill.....	18 17	8 76	.....	14	12	52 93
Secaucus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley, N. J.....	3 85	.....	.....	.....	20 94	24 79
Westwood.....	73 21	27 89	.....	12 58	68	176 68
Oradell.....	21 85	12 35	.....	18 40	23 58	76 18
Hasbrouck Heights.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
	1350 32	280 51	25	113 48	526 23	2295 54
South Classis of Bergen.						
Bergen.....	230 36	57 45	.....	4 50	198 12	490 43
First, Bayonne.....	129 75	.....	.....	15	52	196 75
Wayne St., Jersey City.....	120 09	.....	.....	33 27	286 67	440 03
Bergen Point.....	110	50	.....	.....	51 39	211 39
Second, Hudson City.....	8 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 26
Lafayette.....	67	25	.....	39 07	106 37	239 44
Greenville.....	3 21	48 30	51 51
Free, Jersey City.....	13 23	7	20 23
Third, Bayonne.....	7	7
First, German Evang.....

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South Classis of Bergen. (CONTINUED.)						
St. John's, German Evang.....						
Park, Jersey City.....	\$ 72 27				\$ 50 68	\$ 122 95
Classical Union.....					11 49	11 49
	737 73	142 66		105 07	814 02	1799 48
Classis of Dakota.						
Centerville.....						
Vandenberg.....	5					5
Wakonda.....						
Sandham Memorial.....						
Sioux Falls.....		4 05				4 05
Scotland.....	6 09					6 09
Second, Lenox.....	12					12
Davis.....						
Salem.....	8					8
Charles Mix.....	4 50					4 50
First, Harrison.....	143 09					143 09
Grand View.....					14 75	14 75
Hope.....	26 50	4 97	7			38 47
Immanuel.....	8 86					8 86
First, Lennox.....	11					11
Delaware.....	6					6
Orange City.....	31 82	30			30	91 82
Yankton.....	7 98					7 98
Van Raalte.....					6	6
First, Wormser City.....						
	270 84	39 02	7		50 75	367 61
Classis of Grand River.						
Atwood.....	10 50					10 50
Coopersville.....	8 79	20 30			16 87	45 96
Detroit.....		34 88			5	39 88
Falmouth.....						
Fremont.....	10 58	2 75		2 50	10	25 83
First, Grand Haven.....	74	100 94	13	15	60	292 94
Second, Grand Rapids.....	96 27	223 66		12 90	110	441 83
Third, ".....	194 28		9			203 28
Fourth, ".....	60	146 42	35 11	6	21 48	269 01
Fifth, ".....	34 88	102 73			145	282 11
Oakdale Park.....		2 50	5	4	5	16 50
Seventh, Grand Rapids.....	41 14	38 62		5 89	5	85 65
Eighth, ".....	8 31	19 34		2		29 65
Ninth, ".....	30	58 60		10	34 40	133
Grandville.....	24	12		4 25	5	45 25
First, Kalamazoo.....	39 73	30		7 85	196 40	273 28
Third, ".....	47 19	19 02	34		10	110 21
Fourth, ".....		10				10
Moddersville.....						
First, Muskegon.....	42 45	150 47	36		71	299 28
New Era.....	24 50				2 76	27 26
Rehoboth.....	5				1	6
South Haven.....						
Spring Lake.....	24 40	53 25		5	19 68	102 33
Twin Lakes.....	19	17 50				36 50
Vogel Center.....						
	794 52	1036 48	132 11	75 39	718 59	2757 06

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Classis of Greene.						
First, Athens.....	\$103 64	\$ 35	\$ 2 50	\$ 21 56	\$ 163 70
Second, ".....	386 41	50	198 03	634 51
First, Catskill.....	43 80	9 50	.. ..	5	22 13	80 43
First, Coxsackie.....	200 77	18 90	.. ..	8 05	135	368 72
Second, ".....	21 60	7 22	10	5	17 55	61 37
Kiskatom	9 04	1	9 77	.. ..	30	49 81
Leeds.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	10	10
Classical Union.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
	765 33	71 62	23 27	68 05	434 27	1361 54
Classis of Holland.						
Beaverdam.....	31 65	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	23	54 65
Second, Cleveland.....	14 23	39 52	31	32 80	1	118 55
Drenthe.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
East Overisel.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Ebenezer	13 47	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5 46	18 93
Graafschap.....	37 50	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	6 75	44 25
Hamilton.....	9 66	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	11 10	20 76
First, Holland.....	135 54	85 05	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	220 59
Third, ".....	36 86	156 64	5	17 04	242 29	457 83
Fourth, ".....	5 86	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5 86
First, Jamestown.....	37 31	95 13	.. ..	5	.. ..	137 44
Second, ".....	2 71	10	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	12 71
North Holland ...	30 17	108 25	19 50	10	20	187 92
Overisel	261 92	277 02	.. ..	38 80	114 83	692 57
Saugatuck.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
South Blendon.....	8 75	31 50	2 50	.. ..	30	72 75
Three Oaks.....	6	.. ..	13 43	.. ..	.. ..	19 43
Vriesland.....	52 25	68	140	.. ..	52	312 25
Zeeland.....	790	440 24	40	117 50	244 27	1632 01
	1473 88	1311 35	251 43	221 14	750 70	4008 50
Classis of Hudson.						
First, Claverack	82 84	69 77	100	27 50	38 37	318 48
Gallatin.....	18 42	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4	22 42
Germantown.....	50 97	4 72	12 50	26 50	79 29	173 98
Greenport.....	25 99	3 35	.. ..	.. ..	60	89 34
Hudson.....	294 25	52 48	.. ..	60	100 08	506 81
Linlithgo at Livingston.....	25 60	.. ..	.. ..	15	.. ..	40 60
Livingston at Linlithgo.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	27 90	27 90
Mellenville.....	28 82	6 55	.. ..	25	13 16	73 53
Philmont.....	221 13	57 13	.. ..	.. ..	63 55	341 81
Upper Red Hook	54	3 15	.. ..	.. ..	36 60	95 75
West Copake.....	8	9 70	.. ..	10	13	40 70
Classical Union.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	16	16
	810 02	206 85	112 50	164	453 95	1747 32
Classis of Illinois.						
Bethany.....	15	.. ..	6	.. ..	.. ..	21
Bethel.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Bethlehem.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Bushnell.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Ebenezer.....	46 25	.. ..	10	4	12	72 25
Fairview.....	51 73	.. ..	.. ..	5	17	73 73
Galesburg, Ia.....	6 80	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	15	21 80
Havana.....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Irving Park.....	108 26	30	.. ..	30	98	266 26
First, Manitou.....	24 40	.. ..	5	12 53	.. ..	41 93
Northwestern.....	53 50	2 01	55 51
Norwood Park.....	33 72	6	30 20	69 92
Otley.....	13 20	13 20
First, Pekin.....	16	10	26

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Classis of Illinois. (CONTINUED.)						
Second, Pekin.....	\$ 8 50					\$ 8 50
Second, Pella.....			\$ 16	\$ 48 89	\$211 69	276 08
Raritan.....	37 01	18 15	10 94	8 68	5	74 78
Spring Lake, Ill.....	24	1 91		18 40		39 31
Trinity.....	21	85		17 50	10 55	84 05
	454 87	86 06	47 94	169 70	381 25	1189 32
Classis of Iowa.						
Alton.....	180	6 12	4	12	22 15	174 27
Bethel, Leota.....	24 65	21 87			5	51 02
Boyden.....	5	26 59	25	7 50	75	64 84
Carmel.....	80 32	9 88	18		20	78 20
Churchville.....	22 70					22 70
Clara City.....						
Fifth.....	15 35					15 35
Free Grace.....	12				17 75	29 75
Friesland.....						
Holland, Neb.....	45 25	114 79			105	265 04
Hospers.....	19 50				35	54 50
Hull.....	62 78	32 04	15		55	164 77
Le Mars.....	21 84					21 84
Luctor.....	40 08		5		36	81 08
Maple Lake.....		2 51		50	5	8 01
Maurice.....	59 70	10 60		10	29 40	109 70
Muscatine.....	5 95				5	10 95
Newkirk.....	77 84	75 53			124 50	277 87
First, Orange City.....	171 75	192 49	16 95	40 35	86	507 54
First, Pella.....	208		10 35		47 30	265 65
Third, ".....	120					120
Fourth, ".....	17				18	35
Pella, Neb.....	12 35					12 35
Rock Valley.....	19 50		5		12 60	37 10
Roseland, Minn.....	21 50					21 50
Rotterdam.....	6 60					6 60
Sheldon.....						
Silver Creek.....	9 33	7 98				17 31
Sioux Center.....	129 85	120 87	33 50		142 94	427 16
Sioux County Churches Festival.....			100 30			100 30
	1288 79	620 77	238 10	70 35	762 39	2975 40
Classis of Kingston.						
Bloomington.....	24 85				29	53 85
The Clove.....	49 57	47 58		14 60	69 05	180 80
Dashville Falls.....						
Gardiner.....	19			9 50	48	70 50
Gullford.....	4 16		5	1 87		11 03
Hurley.....	47 50	17 56		7	21 50	93 56
Kingston, Fair St.....	36 43			5	27	68 43
Krumville.....						
Lyonsville.....						
Marbletown.....	16 64				27	43 64
" North.....	4 80					4 80
New Paltz.....	113 97	60		27	119 76	320 73
Rochester.....	23 05		1	5		29 05
Rosendale.....	8 50				8	6 50
St. Remy.....	7				8	10
Rosendale Plains.....	2 55					2 55
Classical Union.....					7 50	7 50
	853 02	125 14	6	63 97	354 81	902 94
North Classis of Long Island.						
Jamaica.....	63 08				110 78	173 86
Newtown.....	23 60	20		15	39	97 60

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board	Total.
North Classis of Long Island. (CONTINUED.)						
Oyster Bay.....	\$ 40 10	\$ 19 40	\$ 10	\$ 25	.....	\$ 94 50
North Hempstead.....	31 52	.....	.....	.....	\$ 11	42 52
First, Williamsburg.....	41 08	30	.....	.....	125	196 08
First, Astoria.....	20	28 11	.....	5 50	23	76 61
Flushing.....	136 19	78 55	.....	37 50	20 60	272 84
Kent St., Brooklyn.....	141 95	2 45	.....	30	7	181 40
South Bushwick.....	.....	40	.....	25	52	117
Second, Astoria.....	21	10	.....	.....	30 55	61 55
East Williamsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queens.....	52 17	34 78	.....	.....	34 87	121 82
German Evang., Brooklyn.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Sayville.....	16 30	9 01	.....	.....	.....	25 31
Locust Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
College Point.....	36 05	80	.....	11 97	.....	128 02
First, Long Island City.....	12 65	6 03	.....	5	8	31 68
Bushwick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German Evang., Jamaica.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Hicksville.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Second, Newtown.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Steinway.....	244 53	.....	.....	1	31 53	277 06
Church of Jesus.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
New Hyde Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Sunnyside.....	15 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 75
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	65
	926 47	358 33	10	158 47	498 98	1952 25
South Classis of Long Island.						
First, Brooklyn.....	265 62	.....	.....	50	234 75	550 37
First, Flatbush.....	701 67	.....	60	.....	122 50	884 17
Grace Chapel.....	23	.....	.....	10	20 20	53 20
New Utrecht.....	740 72	133 50	20	20	187 20	1101 42
Gravesend.....	77 37	60 09	1	8	206 71	353 17
Flatlands.....	23 25	65	.....	20	41	154 25
New Lots.....	97	15	100	.....	13 25	225 25
East New York.....	55	5	.....	10	52	122
South, Brooklyn.....	54 15	52 50	.....	15	50	171 65
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	48 02	25	.....	.....	135	208 02
North, Brooklyn.....	13 30	4 29	.....	.....	8	25 59
On the Heights, Brooklyn.....	1069 70	.....	.....	.....	292 96	1362 66
Bethany Chapel.....	.....	.....	80	5	10	95
New Brooklyn.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Second, Flatbush.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Canarsie.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Bedford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas, W. I.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocean Hill.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Edgewood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75
Ridgewood.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Greenwood Heights.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4
Bay Ridge.....	146 33	20	.....	.....	60	226 33
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 60	13 60
	3406 63	380 38	261	138	1526 17	5712 18
Classis of Michigan.						
Bethany, Grand Rapids.....	15 43	41 57	.....	.....	27 50	84 50
Britton.....	3 35	.....	.....	1	.....	4 35
Centerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Constantine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
De Spelder.....	1 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 85
Grace, Grand Rapids.....	11 96	25 76	37 72
Second, Grand Haven.....	10 61	30	60	100 61
First, Grand Rapids.....	39 25	2 50	41 75

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Classis of Michigan. (CONTINUED.)						
Hope, Holland.....	\$ 81 48	\$ 93 29	.....	\$ 30	\$101 55	306 32
Second, Kalamazoo.....	78 32	52 44	.....	15	57 21	202 97
Macon.....	34	.....	.....	2	1 50	37 50
Second, Muskegon..	.....	22 22	.....	2 45	.....	24 77
South Bend.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
South Macon.....	11	.....	.....	5	.....	16
	253	265 38	39 25	55 45	250 26	863 34
Classis of Monmouth.						
First, Freehold.	14 60	.....	.....	4	14 55	33 15
Holmdel.....	61 11	20 01	.....	6 57	27 50	118 19
Middletown.....	13 25	.....	.....	5	42 45	60 70
Second, Freehold.....	178 23	34 07	.....	.....	40 37	252 67
Keyport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	14
Long Branch.....	.....	11 44	8	1 53	7	27 97
Colts Neck.....	20	.....	.....	.....	15 18	35 18
Highlands.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Asbury Park.	20	9	.....	.....	11 50	40 50
	3 0 19	74 52	8	17 10	173 55	583 36
Classis of Montgomery.						
First, Amsterdam.....	30 45	44 25	.....	.....	.....	74 70
Trinity.....	16 42	.....	.....	.....	16 16	32 58
Buffalo.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Auriesville.....	10	.....	.....	.....	11 20	21 20
Canajoharie.....	102 48	.....	.....	.....	15	117 43
Cicero.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	5	2 27	.....	3	.....	10 27
Cranesville.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	37
Currytown.....	31 60	70	.....	10	22 75	65 05
Ephrata.....	.....	2 62	.....	.....	.....	2 62
Florida.....	5	3 42	.....	11 88	11 50	31 80
Fonda.....	72 77	.....	.....	5	31 45	109 22
Fort Herkimer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Plain.....	39 22	.....	.....	6 75	37	82 97
Fultonville.....	45	36 42	.....	10	5	96 42
Glen.....	20	.....	.....	.....	5	25
Hagaman.....	10 27	2 15	.....	16	6	34 42
Herkimer.....	49 53	22 36	.....	27 19	29 30	128 38
Johnstown.....	11	.....	.....	11	12 57	34 57
Manheim.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mapletown.....	9 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 05
Mohawk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 60	43 60
Naumburg.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Owasco.....	7 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 48
Owasco Outlet.....	10	.....	.....	5	.....	15
Point Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Johnsville.....	12 21	.....	.....	5 50	15	32 71
Sprakers.....	8 01	2	.....	.....	22	32 01
Stone Arabia.....	5 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75
First, Syracuse.....	178 43	.....	.....	15	190	383 43
Second, ".....	3 36	4 73	.....	7	15	30 09
Thousand Islands.....	5	.....	.....	2 50	16 60	24 10
Utica.....	104 99	.....	.....	.....	150 15	255 14
West Leyden.....	.....	5	.....	.....	23 30	28 30
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10
	807 97	125 92	.....	172 82	688 58	1795 29
Classis of Newark.						
Belleville.....	80 36	13 75	.....	10	27 64	131 75
First, Newark.....	37 78	.....	.....	.....	5	42 78
Irvington.....	.....	10 62	.....	5	.....	15 62
New York Ave., Newark.....	6	43 24	.....	22 37	110 68	183 29
Franklin.....	.....	1 53	.....	8 55	37 84	47 92

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board	Total.
Classes of Newark. (CONTINUED.)						
North, Newark.....	\$2812 50	\$443 49	\$600	\$ 22 50	\$1266 59	\$4645 08
West, Newark.....						
Clinton Ave., Newark.....	460 16	25		85	363 54	883 70
Trinity, Newark.....	24 96	28 47		5	20	76 43
Linden.....		7 08				7 08
Woodside.....		3 37			60	63 37
Brookdale.....	58 10	6 50		4 82	10	79 42
Orange.....	460 81	46 08			115 05	621 94
Trinity, Plainfield.....	187 59	59		29 13	34 18	309 85
German, ".....	8					8
Montclair Heights.....	6 65			8 29		14 94
Classical Union.....					21 60	21 60
	3642 91	686 18	600	150 66	2073 07	7151 77
Classes of N. Brunswick.						
First, New Brunswick.....	118 60	150		20	209 04	492 64
Six Mile Run.....	345 61			12 35	130 45	488 41
Millstone.....	83 83		5		34 78	73 11
Middlebush.....	60 99				22 82	83 81
Griggstown.....	14 65				36 86	51 51
Second, New Brunswick..	211			12 50	369 43	522 93
Three Mile Run.....		32 88		30		62 88
Bound Brook.....	17 75			3 90	25	46 65
Third, New Brunswick....	26				5	31
East Millstone.....	13 58			2	38 11	53 69
Metuchen.....	189 04				164 31	303 35
Suydam St., New Brunswick...	640 08	42 08			79 02	761 18
Highland Park.....	4				30 69	34 69
Spotswood.....	30	1 31			3 50	34 81
Classical Union.....					17 75	17 75
	1649 63	226 27	5	80 75	1166 76	3128 41
Classes of New York.						
Collegiate, New York City.....	7014 53	220 38	100	19 25	2380 89	9785 05
Thirty fourth St., ".....		50			70	120
Knox Memorial, ".....	127 30			6 87		134 17
Vermilye Chapel, ".....						
Harlem Collegiate.....	336 11	574 46	25	675 17	400 17	2010 91
South, New York City.....	951 21				160	1111 21
Manor Chapel, ".....		30		20	45	95
Port Richmond.....	78 78	114	5	37 63	78	313 41
Bloomington.....						
Madison Ave.....	46 36			120	1607 66	1774 02
Ger. Evangelical, Houston St....	100	20				120
Huguenot.....	15					15
Mott Haven.....		26 18		10	49	85 18
Union, High Bridge.....	151 89	12 21		14 06	53	231 16
Fourth German, New York City.	54	38	2	25		119
Prospect Hill.....						
Avenue B. German.....		100				100
Brighton Heights.....		48 45		21 30	59 85	129 10
German, Sixty-eighth St.....	10					10
Kreischerville.....						
Grace.....	10	73			18	101
Hamilton Grange.....	38 76			12		50 76
Comforter.....	8 10	4		2 50	2 50	17 10
Fordham.....	8 19			3 18	254 03	265 35
	8950 23	1310 68	132	966 91	5177 60	16537 42
Classes of Orange.						
Berea.....	17 26				6 50	23 76
Bloomington.....	15 34	20			12 65	47 99
Callicoon.....	5 60					5 60

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Classis of Orange. (CONTINUED.)						
Claraville.....						
Cuddebackville.....	\$ 5 50	\$ 20			\$ 6 50	\$ 32
Deer Park, Port Jervis.....	165	25		\$ 10	50	250
Elenville.....	37 75	8 50		15	23 27	89 52
Fallsburgh.....	19		\$ 5	5 80	15 88	45 18
Grahamsville.....	4					4
Kerhonkson.....				1		1
Mamakating.....						
Minnisink.....						
Montgomery.....	303 78				22 73	326 51
Newburg.....	14 81	60		5	100	179 81
New Hurley.....	25 06					25 06
New Prospect.....	42 80	7 75		9 06	53	112 61
Second, Port Jervis.....	6 15					6 15
Shawangunk.....	13 58	2 80			7 15	23 53
Unionville.....						
Walden.....	112 00	17 20		5	46 25	181 06
Wallkill Valley.....	86 75			19 66	32 50	88 91
Upper Walpack.....						
Lower ".....	8 81					8 81
Wawarsing.....					5	5
Classical Union.....					12 07	12 07
	828 79	156 25	5	70 02	403 45	1463 51
Classis of Paramus.						
Acquackanonck.....	467 26	200	50		226	943 26
Athenia.....	12 50			5 06		17 56
Clarkstown.....	29 61	2 49		20	13 06	65 15
Clifton.....	21 11					21 11
Garfield.....	6 37	10				16 37
Glen Rock.....	4 58					4 58
Hawthorne.....						
First, Lodi.....						
Second, Lodi.....	25					25
Nyack.....	156 79	52 76		34 95	292	536 50
Paramus.....	37 23	16 07	68 34		24 50	146 14
Pascack.....	16 37		100	8 51	31 38	151 26
Passaic, First Holland.....			50			50
" North.....	301 85	125		91 07	187 40	655 22
Paterson, Broadway.....	90 97				116 50	207 47
" First Holland.....	118 50	18				136 50
" North.....						
" Second.....	33 52	13 36			45	91 88
Piermont.....		20 88			35	55 88
Ramapo.....				7 50	32 44	39 94
Ramseys.....						
Ridgewood.....	60 26	10	20	27 50	42	159 76
Saddle River.....	12 66	2				14 66
Spring Valley, N. Y.....	51 96	19 96		10	79 54	161 46
Tappan.....	10				43 51	53 51
Warwick.....	225 35	54		25	98 75	403 10
West New Hempstead.....	18 80	4 28			20 50	43 58
Wortendyke, Holland.....	5 50					5 50
Classical Union.....					18 07	18 07
	1706 19	548 80	268 34	224 59	1255 64	4023 56
Classis of Passaic.						
Boonton.....	25 50	7 50		14 55	44 75	92 30
Fairfield.....					10	10
First, Little Falls.....				7	60	67
Second, ".....	10		15			25
Montville.....	10 90				29 50	40 40
Sixth Holland, Paterson.....	53 14	29 04				82 18

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Classis of Passaic. (CONTINUED.)						
People's Park.....	\$ 19 99					\$ 19 99
Pompton.....	78 33	\$ 20		\$ 18 65	\$ 73 92	180 90
Pompton Plains.....	129 86	81 07		10	53 40	234 33
Ponds.....					20	20
Preakness.....	19 06			4 09	25 01	48 16
Riverside, Paterson.....	80 30	15 52		5	10 10	60 92
First Totowa, Paterson.....	116 02	23 67		5	26	169 69
Union, Holland, Paterson.....	15	10	\$ 33 40			58 40
Wyckoff.....	17	5		1	18 90	36 90
Classical Union.....					5 23	5 23
	520 10	140 80	48 40	60 29	371 81	1141 40
Classis of Philadelphia.						
North and Southampton.....	144 26	29 72				173 98
Harlingen.....	30 45				51 50	81 95
Neshanic.....	81 01	12		10	61 75	114 76
First, Philadelphia.....	98 83	15 44	25	10	46 51	195 78
Second, ".....	29 57					29 57
Fourth, ".....	275				7	282
Blawenburg.....	7 06	12 17			83 30	52 53
Stanton.....	17 90	5				22 90
Clover Hill.....	10 10					10 10
Rocky Hill.....	67 36			10	32	109 36
Fifth, Philadelphia.....	40		20			60
Addisville.....	61 25			17	20	98 25
Three Bridges.....	88 82	30				68 82
Talmadge Memorial.....	48 64				9 40	58 04
South, Philadelphia.....					2	2
Classical Union.....					8 63	8 63
	900 25	104 83	45	47	272 09	1368 67
Classis of Pleasant Prairie.						
Alexander.....	3 33					3 33
Aplington.....	6 35					6 35
Baileyville.....	50					50
Baker.....						
Bethel.....	11 25					11 25
Buffalo Center.....						
Cromwell Center.....						
Ebenezer.....	60					60
Elim.....	21 95					21 95
Forreston.....	51 17	5				56 17
Hope.....	19					19
Immanuel.....	50	7	20	4 15		81 15
Monroe, Ia.....	49					49
" S. D.....						
North Sibley.....						
Parkersburg.....	150	23 53			33 15	206 68
Peoria.....	24	4 09	6			34 09
Ramsay.....	9					9
Salem.....	33 25		10			43 25
Silver Creek.....	266				59	325
South Little Rock.....						
Washington.....	45					45
Zion.....	6					6
	855 30	39 62	36	4 15	92 15	1027 22
Classis of Poughkeepsie.						
First, Poughkeepsie.....	642 22				319 08	961 30
Second, ".....	282 09	75		40	400	797 09
Fishkill.....	44 20			8 26	36 71	89 17

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Classis of Poughkeepsie. (CONTINUED.)						
Hopewell	\$ 12 10				\$102 80	\$114 90
New Hackensack	02 90				58 68	145 58
Rhinebeck	45 90	\$ 80			40	115 90
Wabkill Landing	05 50				85	120 50
Hyde Park	25	17 84		IV	4 50	125 34
Glenham	8 70					5 70
Cold Spring	2					2
Milbrook	71 88		\$ 35	III	95	200 88
	1263 55	123 84	35	136 86	1148 77	2291 42
Classis of Raritan.						
First, Raritan	136 63	45 08		40	100	322 56
Readington	39 02	14 40		5	51	99 48
Bedminster	140 22	50		15	99 15	304 47
Lebanon	39 89	5 56	7 50			42 95
Rockaway	5 43				28 27	37 70
North Branch	74 07				95 94	170 01
Second, Raritan	262 70	76 34		80	187 81	546 85
Peapack	17			8 45	25	50 45
South Branch	43 25	8 26		10	55 20	115 71
Third, Raritan	87 48	82 43		7 04	54 07	211
Pottersville	16 78	5				21 73
High Bridge	21 16				27 56	48 71
Anandale	10 89	3 40	16 14	2 50		32 93
Fourth, Raritan	10					10
Roycefield			40			40
New Centre Miss. Society						
	853 67	291 86	68 64	117 99	717 99	2044 37
Classis of Renascence.						
Bath-on-Hudson		5 16		15 30	37 71	58 17
Blooming Grove	11 42	8 50		4 70		19 62
Canleton	19 29				5	24 29
Chatham	118	75			72 33	265 33
First, Ghent	35	14 50		1 30	123 97	174 77
Second, "	87 50	24			15 78	127 28
Greenbush	15 70			10 25	10	35 95
Kinderhook	480 28	198 89		35	87 06	778 73
Nassau	12 61	2 05	2		30	46 66
New Concord						
Schodack	39 79	22 82			14	76 61
Schodack Landing	27 40			4 45	48	73 85
Stuyvesant	24 01	1 05			55 17	90 23
Stuyvesant Falls	2 34	1 18		3	11 50	18 05
Classical Union					48 25	48 25
	873 84	345 65	2	74	548 85	1897 54
Classis of Rochester.						
Abbe	26 76	78 10	12 28		30	127 34
Arcadia	11 80				7	18 80
Brighton	4 35	55 20				59 55
First, Cleveland	6	29 06			23 50	62 16
Clymer Hill	29 73	26 48			29	85 21
East Williamson	34 28	101 54				136 47
Farmer	15 57		40		39 56	95 23
Lodi	45	5			38 50	78 50
Marion	15 91	82 10	10		23	141 01
New York Mills	6					6
Ontario	2 80					2 80
Palmyra	4					4

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board	Total.
Classis of Rochester. (CONTINUED.)						
Pultneyville.....	\$ 15	\$ 8 16	.....	.....	\$ 18	\$ 41 16
First, Rochester.....	187	120	\$ 5	.....	30	292
Second, ".....	18 28	23 72	.....	\$ 1 40	60	97 40
Tyre.....	20 78	.....	.....	.....	28 50	49 28
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 12	10 12
	889 01	531 96	67 88	1 40	325 18	1314 93
Classis of Saratoga.						
Boght.....	7	.....	.....	.....	6	18
Buskirks.....	40	.....	.....	.....	3	43
Cohoes.....	300 08	32 10	.....	.....	51	383 18
Easton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Miller.....	7 34	.....	.....	.....	8	15 34
Gansevoort.....	2 50	8 05	.....	.....	.....	5 55
Greenwich.....	80 87	21 76	.....	15	34 40	152 03
Northumberland.....	21 86	.....	.....	5	19 06	45 92
Schuylerville.....	70 35	15	.....	5 70	24 48	115 53
Schaghticoke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Troy, North.....	.....	.....	.....	12	15	27
" South.....	82 50	.....	.....	.....	28 86	61 36
Wynantskill.....	.....	5 50	.....	10	7	22 50
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 03	11 03
	562 50	77 41	.....	47 70	207 88	895 44
Classis of Schenectady.						
Altamont.....	5	2	.....	3	15	25
Amity.....	31 18	.....	100	.....	23	153 18
Bellevue.....	3	.....	3 50	.....	.....	6 50
First, Glenville.....	9 47	.....	.....	2 50	33	44 97
Second, ".....	10 50	30	.....	.....	12 50	53
Helderberg.....	9 50	.....	.....	.....	6	15 50
Lisha's Kill.....	11 44	.....	.....	.....	16 75	23 19
Mt. Pleasant.....	12 26	.....	.....	.....	12 43	24 69
Niskayuna.....	127	43 25	.....	10	60 25	250 50
Princeton.....	.....	.....	100	.....	15	115
First, Rotterdam.....	19 96	.....	.....	5	26 50	51 46
Second, ".....	8 41	1	.....	1 01	6 07	16 49
First, Schenectady.....	113 12	.....	.....	.....	190	303 12
Second, ".....	74 90	10 45	.....	.....	47 40	182 75
Prospect Hill Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 01	6 01
	445 74	86 70	203 50	21 51	469 91	1227 36
Classis of Schoharie.						
Beaverdam.....	4 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 15
First, Berne.....	27 60	.....	.....	10	43 42	81 02
Breakabeen.....	6 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 48
Central Bridge.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	7	8 50
Cobleskill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eminence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gallupville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howe's Cave.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	3 50	6
Lawyersville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	14
Middleburgh.....	5 36	.....	.....	.....	51 55	56 91
Moresville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Blenheim.....	5 17	.....	.....	.....	4	9 17

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Individuals.	Y.P.S.C.E.	Woman's Board.	Total.
Classis of Schoharie. (CONTINUED.)						
Prattsville.....	\$ 27 08	\$ 40 98	.....	.....	.....	\$ 28 06
Schoharie.....	10 89	.....	\$ 8	.....	\$ 13 18	66 57
Sharon.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	8	9 10
South Gilboa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 15	5 15
	91 33	40 98	3	\$ 10	149 80	295 11
Classis of Ulster.						
Blue Mountain.....	35 78	.....	.....	2 47	5.50	43 75
Comforter, Kingston.....	26 10	28 40	.....	.....	15 93	70 43
Esopus.....	5	.....	.....	.....	18	23
Flatbush.....	.....	14	.....	6	41 05	61 05
Jay Gould Memorial..	19 38	.....	.....	5	5	29 38
Katsbaan.....	101 50	42 05	.....	19 25	71	233 60
First, Kingston.....	299 03	72 35	.....	28 15	221 64	621 17
Port Ewen.....	31 34	6 32	.....	.....	13	50 66
Plattekill.....	6 78	.....	5	5 50	1	18 28
Saugerties.....	62 59	30	.....	.....	40 20	132 79
Shandaken.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13
Shokan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stewartville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Hurley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8
Woodstock.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Classical Union..	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	9
	592 50	198 12	5	66 37	462 23	1319 31
Classis of Westchester.						
Belmont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bronxville.....	49 94	22 60	.....	10	51 50	134 04
Cortlandtown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	9
Greenburgh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10
Hastings.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Melrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	79 30	30	.....	50	62 15	221 45
Park Hill, Yonkers.....	27 87	8 90	5	.....	103 20	144 97
Peekskill.....	5 71	8	.....	.....	5	18 71
First, Tarrytown.....	70 33	.....	.....	30	160 55	260 88
Second, ".....	52 64	17 50	.....	13	59	142 14
Unionville.....	16 68	.....	.....	.....	5	21 68
West Farms.....	.....	8 48	.....	.....	.....	8 48
First, Yonkers.....	44 68	75	.....	.....	34	153 68
Classical Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 84	51 84
	358 47	181 16	5	103	541 24	1188 87
Classis of Wisconsin.						
Alto.....	178 85	6 75	.....	.....	119 25	304 85
Bethany.....	22 25	57 25	.....	8	26	116 50
Cedar Grove.....	28 74	3 75	15	13 75	140 50	201 74
First, Chicago.....	.....	197 78	.....	5	42	244 78
Danforth.....	12	14	10	.....	.....	36
De Motte.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Englewood.....	200 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 58
Franklin.....	8 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Fulton.....	100 41	29 38	.....	6 15	34 37	170 81
Gano.....	15 07	49 15	.....	.....	5	69 22
Gibbsville.....	47 02	34 81	80	2	163 83
Greenbush.....
Greenleafton.....	38 47	10	74 95	80	203

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Classis of Wisconsin. (CONTINUED.)						
Hingham.....	\$ 8 50	\$ 4 67	\$ 15	\$ 28 17
Hope, Sheboygan.....	9 15	23 74	70	10	48 59
Kenosha.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Koster.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	11
Lansing.....	24 10	10 50	.....	.....	.....	34 60
Milwaukee.....	106 90	92	40	9 56	185	383 46
Oostburg ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	20
First, Roseland.....	253 96	11 95	183 79	.....	33 50	483 20
Sheboygan Falls.....	2 50	4 05	.....	.....	14 09	20 64
Waupun.....	6 84	14 80	.....	.....	21 23	42 87
Morrison, Illinois.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Heelyton.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	7
Second, Milwaukee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Holland.....	175	.....	27	.....	.....	202
	1536 84	571 58	366 79	120 11	695 94	2991 26

FROM INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

Mrs. De Kleine.....	\$ 2	Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Heemstra..	5
Birthday Gift, in memoriam...	10	Rev. J. N. Jansen.....	15
Two Sisters.....	50	For support of Rev. E. C. Scudder	500
".....	50	Family Tithe Box.....	5
" Thank Offering....	10	Mrs. S. J. Schermerhorn.....	20
Rev. E. Rothesay Miller.....	1200	D. Dimnent.....	30
Mrs. S. M. Lansing.....	25	Rev. John G. Smart.....	10
Mrs. Kate V. D. Searle.....	20	Rev. and Mrs. A. Oosterhoff....	5
Miss Emma Searle... ..	20	The Misses Van Wagenen.....	20
Miss Cornelia S. Searle.....	5	Rev. Walter T. Scudder.....	5
Mrs. Searle and daughter.....	5	Miss Katie M. Fagg.....	5
Rev. R. Drukker.....	5	Mrs. Nathan Shoemaker.....	5
G. J. Krozenbrink.....	175	N. N.....	20
Sigma.....	200	J. H. Nakken.....	50
Continued.....	15	Sanford E. Cobb.....	50
Mrs. M. O. Gordon.....	5	Miss C. W. Morrison.....	25
Miss Celeste Weed.....	20	S. Francisco.....	100
Rev. W. H. Steele, D. D.....	572	Rev. T. W. Mullenburg.. ..	40
Members of Ref. Ch., Kingston		W. B. Conklin.....	35
N. Y.....	230	Miss Eleanor C. Heermance....	200
Miss M. B. Labagh.....	5	Miss Rita V. Z. Cobb....	10
F. Boerink.....	10	Miss Mary B. Steward.....	5
Rev. Wm. Stegeman.....	5	J. C. Haring. M. D.....	20
P. H. Verhulst.....	2 50	S. M., Schenectady, N. Y.....	5
H. Eldrenkamp.....	10	A friend	5
Mrs. C. A. Bogert.....	17	Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, Ph.D... ..	10
Rev. and Mrs. H. Vanderploeg.	10	Mrs. C. M. Meserole.....	35
W. C. A. and D. Soc., Pella, Ia..	30	Miss Anna R. Slingerland.....	15
Shut in.....	2	Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Dubbink..	35
From a friend	250	Cash.....	5
"	100	"	5
A friend of Foreign Missions ..	50	"	200
From friends in Michigan.....	50	M. S. C.....	1
A friend, M. J.....	75	Rev. J. P. De Jong.. ..	20
A friend.....	2	Miss Agnes M. Lake.....	60
"	55	Mrs. A. A. Zabriskie.....	10
Ralph Voorhees.....	10050	Mrs. T. S. Scott.....	20
Miss Maud S. Clark.....	48	Miss Ida Tannis	1
Howard Van Buren, in memo-		Rev. H. Veenker and family ...	10
riam Rev. John M. Van Buren	100	Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker.....	5
Birthday remembrance.....	6	N. N.....	5
March 31 Birthday gift.....	100	Mrs. Mary Davidson.....	2 25
In memoriam.....	5	Rev. A. Hageman.....	10
"	65	Miss Dora Wagner and friends..	5
Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D. D.....	50	Rev. S. W. Mills, D. D.....	15
Rev. S. J. Menning.....	5	Family of Rev. John Hoekje... ..	5
John Ossewaarde.....	15	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Enders....	30
Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford.....	50	Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kollen.....	15
Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	2	Rev. Wm. A Shaw	10
Rev. P. G. M. Bahler.....	5	A. and D. Van Raalte... ..	2 11

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S. H. Wheeler.....	20	Dr. T. F. Morris... ..	20 10
Mrs. S. W. Scudder abd Miss A.		Rev. E. R. Atwater.....	50
E. Scudder.....	32 80	Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.....	20
Mrs. Minerva Winter.....	50	Misses C.. G. H., and E. Thom-	
Mrs. Margaret B. See.....	5	asma.....	8
S. H. Williams.....	100	Rev. James Bolton.....	2
Miss M. L. Monroe.....	10	Soc. of Inquiry, New Bruns-	
Indian Ch. and S. S. Colony,		wick, N. J.....	29 28
Okla.....	9 28	Rev. John Vander Meulen.....	5
Rev. J. L. Amerman, D.D.....	25	Mrs. E. R. Van Dyck.....	10
Mrs. R. S. W.....	10	Rev. H. V. S. Peeke.....	7
Stanley Wood Brodhead.....	1		
Miss Eva Howell.....	2 50		
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			\$15,863 50

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Woman's Board, additional.....	\$3,967 81
Interest on Security Fund	2,065
Y. P. S. Broadway Christian Ref. Ch., Grand Rapids, Mich.....	80
S. S. First Congregational Ch., Glastonbury, Conn.....	80
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	\$5,892 81
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LEGACIES.

J. Goljenboom.....	\$ 500
Andrew J. Schaefer.....	150
Lena Jabaay.....	18
Susan A. Elliot.....	520 13
Mary E. Remsen.....	108 63
James Y. Elmendorf.....	1,000
James D. Blumberg.....	50
Gertrude Vandenberg.....	1,000
U. Bockelman.....	50
Eleanor Myer.....	1,915 48
Elsie Manton.....	20
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	\$5,827 94
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GIFTS FOR OBJECTS OUTSIDE THE APPROPRIATIONS.

Sending new missionary family to China.....	\$ 150
From Netherlands Committee for Woman's Hospital, Amoy.....	800
Theological Student, India....	100
Special for work in India.....	851 50
From Woman's Board.....	1,097 86
Sundries.....	205 59
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	\$3,904 45
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RECEIPTS OF CLASSES.

Classes of Synod of New York.	Churches.	Sunday Schools	Individuals.	Y. P. S. C. E.	Woman's Board	Total.
Hudson	\$ 810 02	\$206 86	\$112 50	\$164 00	\$453 06	\$1,747 82
Kingston	353 02	125 14	6 00	53 97	354 81	902 94
North Long Island ..	985 47	358 83	10 00	158 47	498 98	1,952 45
South " "	3,406 53	390 38	251 00	138 00	1,538 17	5,713 18
New York	8,950 28	1,310 68	133 00	966 91	5,177 60	18,537 49
Orange	523 79	156 26	5 00	70 02	408 45	1,463 51
Poughkeepsie	1,263 55	122 84	35 00	136 26	1,143 77	2,701 45
Westchester	368 47	181 16	5 00	108 00	541 94	1,198 87
Total	\$18,897 18	\$2,841 53	\$566 50	\$1,800 53	\$10,099 07	\$32,905 91
Albany.						
Albany	1,577 06	78 31	230 00	17 22	1,301 56	3,999 05
Greene	765 88	71 62	22 87	58 05	434 27	1,351 54
Montgomery	807 97	125 92	.....	173 62	683 56	1,765 29
Rensselaer	873 84	345 65	2 00	74 00	542 85	1,837 94
Rochester	899 01	531 96	67 88	1 40	225 18	1,814 98
Saratoga	562 50	77 41	.....	47 70	207 63	893 44
Schenectady	445 74	36 70	208 50	21 51	469 91	1,227 86
Schoharie	81 33	40 98	3 00	10 00	140 80	295 11
Ulster	502 50	193 12	5 00	66 37	468 82	1,319 81
Total	\$6,104 78	\$1,568 57	\$653 15	\$479 07	\$4,583 80	\$13,345 87
New Brunswick.						
Bergen	1,350 32	280 61	95 00	113 48	536 23	2,393 54
South Bergen	737 73	148 06	.....	105 07	814 02	1,799 48
Monmouth	310 19	74 84	8 00	17 10	173 55	585 36
Newark	3,642 91	698 13	600 00	130 66	2,072 07	7,151 77
New Brunswick	1,649 63	226 27	5 00	50 73	1,186 76	3,128 41
Paramus	1,705 19	548 80	398 34	294 69	1,255 64	4,023 56
Passaic	530 10	140 80	48 40	60 23	371 81	1,141 40
Philadelphia	900 25	104 31	43 00	47 00	278 09	1,362 67
Raritan	853 57	291 38	63 64	117 99	717 99	2,044 57
Total	\$11,670 89	\$2,495 40	\$1,083 88	\$916 93	\$7,570 16	\$23,586 76
Chicago.						
Dakota	270 84	39 03	7 00	.....	50 75	367 61
Grand River	794 52	1,036 43	123 11	75 39	718 59	2,737 09
Holland	1,473 28	1,311 35	251 43	221 14	750 70	4,008 50
Illinois	454 37	86 06	47 94	169 70	381 25	1,139 32
Iowa	1,368 79	620 77	233 10	70 35	763 39	2,975 40
Michigan	253 00	203 39	39 25	53 45	250 26	863 34
Pleasant Prairie ..	835 30	39 62	36 00	4 15	92 15	1,027 22
Wisconsin	1,236 84	571 66	366 79	130 11	695 94	2,991 36
Total	\$6,827 54	\$3,670 96	\$1,113 62	\$716 39	\$3,702 03	\$16,129 74
Grand Total	\$41,800 39	\$10,853 80	\$3,390 65	\$3,912 92	\$25,734 46	\$85,218 26

CLASSICAL
APPORTIONMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

CLASSES.	Apportionment, 1898.	Contributed 1898-99.	Contributed 1897-98.	Gain 1898-99.	Loss 1898-99.
Albany.....	\$5,000	\$3,339 08	\$3,596 19	.....	\$297 14
Bergen.....	3,800	2,396 54	2,501 55	.....	266 11
South Bergen.....	3,100	1,799 48	1,754 73	\$ 44 75	.....
Dakota.....	600	367 61	344 46	23 15	.....
Grand River.....	3,900	2,767 09	2,378 18	488 91	.....
Greene.....	1,900	1,861 54	1,808 02	53 52	.....
Holland.....	3,500	4,008 50	3,764 42	1,244 08	.....
Hudson.....	2,500	1,747 32	1,866 06	281 26	.....
Illinois.....	1,300	1,139 32	570 53	268 79	.....
Iowa.....	3,300	2,975 40	3,444 77	330 62	.....
Kingston.....	1,500	902 94	873 85	30 59	.....
North Long Island.....	4,600	1,952 26	1,886 54	65 61	.....
South Long Island.....	7,600	5,547 18	5,978 40	.....	131 22
Michigan.....	1,000	863 54	355 05	508 29	.....
Monmouth.....	1,600	563 36	711 25	.....	128 02
Montgomery.....	4,000	1,795 29	1,859 80	133 69	.....
Newark.....	8,500	7,151 77	10,200 03	.....	3,048 26
New Brunswick.....	3,800	3,128 41	3,202 77	.....	74 36
New York.....	20,000	16,537 42	16,408 09	129 33	.....
Orange.....	3,800	1,483 51	1,544 30	.....	180 79
Paramus.....	4,750	4,023 56	4,175 69	.....	153 13
Passaic.....	2,000	1,141 40	1,260 34	.....	348 94
Philadelphia.....	2,700	1,368 67	1,231 96	136 71	.....
Pleasant Prairie.....	1,100	1,027 32	737 57	289 65	.....
Poughkeepsie.....	2,800	2,701 42	2,731 11	.....	79 69
Raritan.....	3,250	2,044 57	1,847 39	197 18	.....
Benasselaer.....	2,400	1,537 64	1,563 05	.....	25 21
Rochester.....	1,800	1,814 93	1,898 82	.....	73 89
Saratoga.....	1,500	595 44	767 57	127 57	.....
Schenectady.....	2,500	1,227 86	1,183 56	43 78	.....
Schoharie.....	800	395 11	345 21	.....	50 10
Ulster.....	2,650	1,319 31	1,310 78	8 53	.....
Westchester.....	2,650	1,188 57	1,551 92	.....	363 05
Wisconsin.....	4,000	2,991 20	2,519 68	171 43
Total.....	\$120,000	\$86,353 28	\$85,616 44	\$4,856 75	\$5,119 91

Net gain 1898-99.....\$253 15.

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RECEIPTS OF THE BOARD SINCE 1857. IN PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS, WITH TOTALS AND AVERAGES.

YEARS.	RECEIPTS.	TOTALS FOR FIVE YEARS.	AVERAGE FOR FIVE YEARS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1858	\$16,076 87				
1859.....	25,034 61				
1860.....	30,181 58				
1861.....	34,159 26				
1862.....	28,603 17				
		\$134,055 49	\$26,811 10		
1863	42,257 36				
1864	35,391 18				
1865	82,038 22				
1866	55,783 75				
1867.....	63,030 89				
		278,501 40	55,700 28	\$28,889 18	
1868.....	53,472 91				
1869.....	81,410 38				
1870	57,342 94				
1871.	71,125 52				
1872	65,173 26				
		328,525 01	65,705 00	10,004 72	
1873.....	83,948 61				
1874	55,352 95				
1875	54,249 95				
1876	64,342 91				
1877....	58,152 53				
		316,046 95	63,209 37		\$2,495 63
1878 .. .	69,085 87				
1879....	58,443 49				
1880....	63,185 71				
1881.....	92,984 32				
1882....	58,184 71				
		341,884 10	68,376 82	5,167 45	
1883.....	65,284 58				
1884.....	76,955 23				
1885.....	88,131 04				
1886.....	86,386 55				
1887.....	86,787 02				
		403,544 42	80,708 88	12,332 06	
1888....†	109,946 11				
1889.....	93,142 24				
1890....	117,090 14				
1891.....	116,265 45				
1892. . .	112,163 59				
		548,607 53	109,721 50	29,012 62	
1893....	136,688 10				
1894....	106,571 48				
1895....	105,506 72				
1896. . .	147,156 65				
1897....	105,666 61				
		607,589 56	120,317 91	10,596 41	
1898....	109,244 79				
1899....	115,548 02				

* In addition \$56,500 were given by Mr. Warren Ackerman to remove the debt resting on the Board

† In addition \$45,335 06 were given for the Endowment of the Theological Seminary in the Arcot Mission, through the efforts of Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, D.D.

The total amount given since 1857 is \$3,979,362.31.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, in account with PETER DONALD,
Treasurer, for the year ending April 30, 1899.

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To account with Amoy Mission.....	\$21,882 65
" " Arcot Mission.....	48,133 59
" " North Japan Mission.....	25,675 81
" " South Japan Mission.....	20,148 84
To Home Expenses:	
Salaries.....	\$4,700 01
Rent and care of Office.....	1,085 21
Account books and Stationery.....	86 06
Missionary boxes.....	14 29
The Mission Field.....	849 47
Printing Annual Report.....	493 84
Printing leaflets.....	330 50
Travelling.....	186 69
Postage and revenue stamps.....	228 70
Students' Missionary Campaign.....	12 90
Department of Young People's Work.....	128 60
Stenographer and typewriter.....	266 70
Sundries.....	191 41
Expenses on account of legacy Mary E. Remsen	228 72

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By Balance brought forward, May 1, 1898.....	\$ 7,701 04
Cash from collections, individuals and miscellaneous sources	104,922 63
" " legacies.....	5,327 24
" " interest on the Security Fund, including interest on legacy received from Ref. Ch. Berae, N. Y., \$8.75.....	2,065 00
Amount of Geo. B. Walbridge Fund, May 1, 1899.....	5,077 38
" Semelink Family Missionary Fund, May 1, 1899....	10,000 00
" held in trust for Woman's Board, " ".....	5,000 00
" of Security Fund.....	58,000 00
Due on account of gifts for objects outside the appropriations, May 1, 1899.....	1,883 95
" " loans, May 1, 1899.....	30,856 10
" " acceptances, May 1, 1899.....	10,472 85

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Due on account of loans May 1, 1898.....	8,763 10
" " acceptances, May 1, 1898.....	19,136 10
" " gifts for objects outside the appropriations, May 1, 1898.....	8,972 79
Amount of Geo. B. Walbridge Fund, May 1, 1898.....	2,639 37
To cash paid interest on loans.....	3,830 04
Securities of Semelink Family Mission Fund.....	1,659 88
" of amount held in trust for Woman's Board	9,797 44
" of Security Fund.....	5,000 00
Balance on hand carried to new account.....	58,000 00
	12,681 07
	<u>\$236,305 68</u>

SECURITY FUND.

This consists of	Par Value.	Present Market Value
29 First Mortgage Bonds, Illinois Central R. R. Co....	\$29,000	\$30,306
6 " " Lehigh Valley Ry. Co.....	6,000	6,510
12 " " West Shore R. R. Co.....	12,000	13,680
6 General Mortgage Bonds, Central N. J. R. R. Co..	6,000	7,080
New York City, May 4, 1899.	\$ 58,000	\$ 57,576
Audited and found correct,		

R. B. FERRIS,
VREELAND H. YOUNGMAN. } Finance Committee.
JOHN C. GIFFING.

LIABILITIES.

Loans.....	\$30,856 10
Accrued interest on loans.....	149 17
Acceptances.....	10,472 85
Gifts for objects outside the appropriations....	1,883 95
Geo. B. Walbridge Fund, Cash.....	5,077 38
Semelink Family Mission Fund, Cash.....	202 56
Legacy to be invested.....	150 00
	<u>\$48,791 51</u>
Less balance on hand.....	\$12,681 07
Accrued interest on Security Fund.....	683 83
	<u>\$25,429 11</u>

ARABIAN MISSION RECEIPTS.

MAY 1, 1898, TO APRIL 30, 1899.

SYNDICATE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Rev. T. H. P. Sailer.....\$100	Mrs. Sarah Welling.....\$100
Mrs. Jacob S. Wyckoff.. .. . 100	

SYNDICATE OF SIXTY DOLLARS.

John Wharton.....	60
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SYNDICATE OF FIFTY DOLLARS.

H. P. Cortelyou..... 50	Peter Lott..... 50
Miss Emily D. Sumner 50	Miss Sarah F. Sumner 50
L. M. S., Madison Avenue, Albany, N. Y... 50	

SYNDICATE OF THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

The Misses Duryee.....	35
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SYNDICATE OF THIRTY DOLLARS.

Frederick Frellinghuysen..... 30	Miss M. and Miss H. Zwemer.... 22 50
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SYNDICATE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

Rev. Lewis Francis, D.D..... 25	Hon. Henry Hospers..... 18 75
" H. D. B. Mulford 25	The Misses Merry..... 25
Y. P. S. C. E., Stone Ridge, N.Y. 12	Rev. A. Zwemer..... 12 50
Miss N. Zwemer..... 25	Albert G. Bogert..... 25
Union Y.P.S.C.E., Nyack, N.Y.. 18 75	G. H. Schoep..... 25

SYNDICATE OF TWENTY DOLLARS.

Peter Cortelyou..... 20	Rev. Peter Crispell..... 20
Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D..... 20	" Geo. D. Hulst, Ph.D..... 20
" Catskill, N. Y."..... 20	Y.L.M.B., First, Orange City, Ia. 20
Rev. J. F. Zwemer.... 20	Miss Sarah B. Reynolds..... 20

SYNDICATE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS.

Dr. B. H. B. Sleght..... 15	Miss Susan Yortema 15
Dr. C. Van Zwaluwenberg..... 15	

SYNDICATE OF TWELVE DOLLARS.

Mrs. John Ten Hope.....	6
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SYNDICATE OF TEN DOLLARS.

Rev. J. L. Amerman, D. D.....	10	Miss K. H. Cantine.....	10
“ Henry N. Cobb, D.D.....	10	Rev. J. P. De Jong.....	10
Mrs. Hugh Roberts.....	10	Miss Mary S. Dougherty.....	5
“ Anna G. Frisbee.....	10	Rev. G. W. Furbeck.....	10
Rev. J. G. Gebhard.....	10	John Glysteen.....	10
Miss Caroline Gridley.....	10	A. W. Hopeman.....	10
Rev. J. N. Jansen.....	5	S. H. Joldersma.....	10
Prest. G. J. Kollen, LL.D.....	10	L. M. S., First, Rochester, N.Y..	10
Mrs. John B. Pike.....	10	“ Grand Haven, Mich ...	10
D. L. Pierson.....	10	Rev. W. W. Schomp.....	10
Rev. A. H. Strabbing.....	10	“ A. Vennema.....	10
“ B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	7 50	“ F. J. Zwemer.....	10
Kent St., Brooklyn, N.Y.. S.S...	10	“ J. P. Searle, D.D.....	15
Henry W. Dawson, Esq.....	10	J. Den Herder..	10
J. N. Trompen....	10		

SYNDICATE OF EIGHT DOLLARS.

Clayton Demareet.....	2	Rev. Isaac J. Van Hee.....	9
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SYNDICATE OF FIVE DOLLARS.

The Misses Abeel.....	5	Miss Elizabeth Anderson	5
Rev. E. J. Blekkink.....	5	A. J. Bogert.....	5
John Boon.....	5	W. M. S., Holland, Albany, N.Y.	10
Miss E. M. Crowell.....	5	Mrs. H. T. Dernell.....	5
William Geurink	5	Rev. A. J. Hageman.....	2 50
Rev. G. H. Hospers.....	5	Mrs. C. M. Hutchings.....	5
John Kloot.....	5	Miss Kate Lang.....	5
Miss Juliet McCarrell..	5	Mrs. H. J. Mentink	5
Rev. P. T. Phelps.....	5	“ E. E. Olcott.....	5
“ Geo. G. Selbert.....	5	Rev. A. Stegeman.....	3 75
“ E. Tilton, Jr.....	5	“ J. A. Thomson.....	5
M. Van de Velde.....	5	Miss A. T. Van Santvoord.....	5
Mrs. W. Van Beynum.....	5	“ Emma Williams.....	5
“ Gertrude E. Williams.....	5	Y. P. S. C. E., Little Falls, N. J.	5
T. H. Oltmans.....	2 50	“ Manhasset.....	5
G. H. Dubbink.....	5	Mrs. H. DeGroot.....	5
W. L. Vanderwalle.....	5	“ J. J. Beattie.....	5
L. U. Circle, 2nd, Rochester, N.Y.	5	Rev. T. W. Mullenburg.....	5
Miss Hila B. Terheel.....	5	R. Thomasma	5
Walter Thomasma... ..	5	J. S. Jemisen.....	5
Blauvelt, N.Y., L. Soc. Pres, Ch.	5	A. J. Welmers	5
Albertus Tangenberg.....	5	A friend.....	5

SYNDICATE OF THREE DOLLARS.

Mr. ——— Stegeman.....	3
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SYNDICATE OF TWO DOLLARS.

S. Strietema..	2	Mrs. E. W. Dunham....	
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SYNDICATE OF ONE DOLLAR.

James E. Van Aken... ..	1	Miss Helen Verplanck	1
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SYNDICATE OF

Grand Rapide, Mich.....	\$ 52 50
West End Coll. Ch., N. Y. City.....	150
1st Ch., Somerville, N. J.....	40 75
Ch. Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....	73 85
2nd Ch., New Brunswick, N. J.....	85 83
Ch., Philmont, N. Y.....	52
Grace Ch'l, Flatbush, B'klyn, N.Y.....	11
1st Church, Jamaica, N. Y.....	20
Ch., Catskill, N. Y.....	19
A. M. Soc., Milwaukee, Wis.....	80
Class of '97 Theol. Sem., N. B., N. J.....	13
1st Ch., Flatbush, B'klyn, N. Y.....	146 15
Clove Ch., High Falls, N. Y.....	26 50
Sioux County, Ia.....	458
Ch., Belleville, N. J.....	28
Bethany Ch., Grand Rapide, Mich.....	710
A. M. Ass'n, Zeeland, Mich.....	710
34th St. Ch., N. Y. City ..	5
Ch., Katsbaan, N. Y.....	15
3rd Ch. Raritan, N. J.....	46 20
1st Ch., Claverack, N. Y.....	17
Ch. Cedar Grove, Wis.....	87
1st Ch., Philadelphia, Pa.....	87

Total... \$3,821 62

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Woman's Board.....	\$577 16	Cedar Grove, Wis , M. Bd	25
Accord, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E....	5	" " Y. P. S. C. E.	5
1st, Albany, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	15	Zion, Chapin, Ia.....	6
Holland, Albany, N. Y., S. S....	10 12	Chatham, N. Y., Y.P.S.C.E.....	13
Alto, Wis., Catechumens.....	11 10	Chas. Mix, S. D.....	4 20
" " W. M. S.....	37 65	Bethany, Chicago, Ill., S. S	5 25
Alton, Ia.....	45	1st, Chicago, Ill., Y. P. S. C. E..	5
" " W. M. S.....	39 25	Trinity, " Catechumens..	5
" " Y.P.S.C.E.....	6	1st, Roseland"	30
Grand Ave., Asbury Park, N. J..	5	" " Y. L. S.....	8
1st, Bayonne, N. J., Y.P.S.C.E..	7 68	1st, Claverack, N.Y., Stone Mills,	
Belmond, Ia., S. S.....	10	S. S.....	8
Bergen Point, N. J., S. S.....	25	1st, Claverack, N. Y., Y.P.S.C.E.	12 50
Berne, N. Y., Y.P.S.C.E	4 75	Claverack, " K. D	4
2nd, Bethlehem, N. Y.....	11 05	Gano, Chicago, Ill.....	7
Boonton, N. J., Y.P.S.C.E.....	12 40	" " W. M. S.....	3
Boyden, Ia., L. M. S.....	20	Cedar Grove, Wis., M. Bd.....	25
Brighton, N. Y., two ladies.....	12 50	Abbe, Clymer, N. Y., L. M. S...	6 30
" " W. M. S.....	15	1st, Cleveland, O.....	12 25
Bronxville, "	31	Cuddebackville, N.Y., Y.P.S.C.E.	3
Flatbush, B'klyn, N.Y., S.S. Class	12	East N. Y., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	
" " " Grace Chap'l	5	Y. P. S. C. E.....	5
Flatlands, " " S. S.....	5	East Northfield, Mass., Cong....	
" " " W. M. S....	15	Y. P. S. C. E.....	10
" " " Y.P.S.C.E.,	5	Flushing, N. Y., K. D.....	5
Kent St., " " Child'n's Mis	25	Fonda, N. Y., S. Sch.....	10
N. Utrecht, " " Y.P.S.C.E..	5	Forreston, Ill., Y. P. S. C. E....	6
South, " " ..	15	Fultonville, N. Y.....	2
Carmel, Ia., Catechumens.....	10	" " Y. P. S. C. E... ..	1
" " L. M. S.....	5	Franklin Park, N. J., L. M. S...	77 56

2nd, Freehold, N. J., Y.P.S.C.E.	20 50	3d Kalamazoo, Mich W. M. S...	10
Fulton, Ill.....	7	" " " Y. L. M. S.	10
German Valley, Ill.....	10	" " " Y. M. A...	8
1st, Ghent, N. Y., Y.P.S.C.E....	5	Fair St., Kingeton, N. Y., S. S..	50
Glen, N. Y. "	25	" " "	
Glenham, N. Y. "	8	Y. P. S. C. E.....	15
Grandville, Mich , 5 families...	4 40	Kiskatom, N. Y.....	5
Greenleafston, Minn., Sr. Cate-		Marion, N. Y.....	12 60
chumens.....	4 10	Maurice, Ia., Holl. Y. M. C. A...	10
Greenleafston, Minn., W. M. S...	20	Metuchen, N. J.. S. S.....	5
Greenwich, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	5	" " Y. P. S. C. E..	15
2nd, Grand Haven, Mich.....	29 50	Middleburg, Ia.....	24 35
" " " S. S....	6 46	" " S. S.... ..	5 28
Bethany, Grand Rapids, Mich,....	10	Milwaukee, Wis., L. S. S.....	10
2nd, " " S. S.	20	Monroe, Ia.....	7
" " "		1st, Muskegon, Mich.....	36 45
Y. P. S. C. E... ..	14 75	Muskegon, Mich., W. M. S.....	15
2nd, Grand Rapids, Mich.....		Newark, N. J., Clinton Ave.,	
Y. P. S. C. E., Hope M. Class.	5	Y. P. S. C. E.....	10
4th, Grand Rapids, Mich., M.M.S.	3 90	1st, New Brunswick, N. J.,	
" " " W.M.S.	4 88	Y. P. M. G.....	10
5th, " "	5	Grove, New Durham, N. J., S. S.	30
" " " S.S....	40	" " " Kin-	
" " "		dergarten.....	3 65
Y. P. S. C. E.....	10	New Era, Mich.....	6
6th, Grand Rapids, Mich., Cate-		New Hackensack, N. Y.,.....	1
chumens.....	5 50	New Holland, Mich.....	6 56
6th, Grand Rapids, Mich., S. S..	2 50	New Prospect, N. Y., Y.P.S.C.E.	1
7th " " " ..	31 12	N. Y. City, Fordham, "	30
" " "		" 1st, Harlem, Coll.S.S.	
M. League.....	8 42	class.....	10 15
7th, Grand Rapids, Mich. Y.M.C.A.	5	N.Y.City, 4th German, Y.P.S.C.E.	10
9th, " " A friend.	10	" Ger. Evang., Houston	
" " " Y.P.S.C.E.	1	St., Y. P. S. C. E.....	10
1st, Hackensack, N. J.....	40	N. Y. City, Manor Chapel.....	
" " " 5 young men	15	Y. P. S. C. E.....	5
" " " Y.P.S.C.E.	5	N. Y. City, Marble Coll., Y.P.M.	
Hagaman, N. Y., "	2	Fund.....	627 52
Holland, Mich.....	15	N. Y. City, Marble Coll., S. S....	43 67
" " 9th St. Christian		" Mott Haven, Y. P.S.	
Reformed.....	5 36	C. E.....	10
1st, Holland, Mich.....	23 68	N. Y. City, 34th St., Bible Sch...	25
3rd, " " L. M. S.....	10	Nyack, N. Y.....	35 94
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Hudson, N. Y., Jun. C. E. S....	50	ostburg, Wis., S. S. class.....	4
Irvington, N. J., Y. P. S. C. E..	6 75	" " W. M. A.....	10 60
1st, Jamestown, Mich., Y.P.S.C.E.	5	Orange City, Ia., Y. P. S. C. E..	5
Jersey City, N. J., Bergen.....	18 24	Pallsades, Coytesville, N. J.,	
" " Central Ave..	10	Y. P. S. C. E.....	32 63
" " Lafayette.....		Passaic, N. J., 1st, Holland,	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	3	Y. M. C. A.....	30
Jerusalem, N.Y., Arabian Knights	15 17	2nd, Paterson, N. J., W. M. S...	10
Johnstown, "	5	Pella, Ia., Dorcas Soc.....	5
" " Y. P. S. C. E....	5	1st, Pella, Ia., Catechumens.....	20
1st, Kalamazoo, Mich., Cate-		2nd, " " S. S. class.....	6 06
chumens.....	15	" " " Pelarablenne Soc.	15
3rd, Kalamazoo, Mich.....	7 72	3rd, " "	3

Ponds, N. J.....	2 80	Peter Douma.....	1
" " Y. P. S. C. E.....	1 70	Rev. E. A. Drake.....	5
1st, Port Jervis, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	5	Miss Amy C. Duryee.....	30
2nd, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	25	Miss Carrie Dusinberre.....	2
Philadelphia, Pa., Talmage Mem.		" Jennie Elhart... ..	1
K. D.....	1 25	" Minnie Ensing.....	1
Trinity, Plainfield, N. J., Jun.		Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Enders.....	10
C. E. S.....	10	Miss Katie M. Fagg.....	5
Queens, N. Y., S. S.....	12 07	Family Mission Box, C. DeBoer.	2 50
Randolph Center, Wis.....	16 33	" " " G. H. F... ..	4 60
2nd, Rochester, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	3	For His Work.....	25
Rocky Hill, N. J., " ..	5	A friend.....	5
Schenectady, N. Y., A friend....	1	"	5
" " Y. P. S. C. E..	9	"	25
1st " "	44 49	"	20
" " " S. S.....	50	" per C. E. Miss. League..	25
" " " Hope Chap'l	5	George J. Greene.....	1
Sheboygan Falls, Wis, S. S.....	2 25	E. Griffiths.....	15
Sioux Center, Ia.....	30	Gen. F. T. Haig.....	48
" " Y. M. C. A.....	25	Homer J. Hale.....	5
2d, Somerville, N. J.....	20	H. B	3
" " " Sr. C. E. S..	3	C. Hoepers.....	5
South Holland, Ill., W. M. S....	15	Miss Eva Howell	1
Spring Lake, Mich.....	8	" Annie C. Hutchinson.....	5
Staten Island, Local C. E. Union,		Samuel M. Hyde.....	25
Miss. Com.....	52	In memoriam James Lansing	
Stone Rldge, N. Y., Jun. C. E. S.	5	Veeder.....	25
" " M. L. B. H.	4	In memory of a loved Sister.....	10
2nd, Syracuse, N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E.	4	" " C. B. L.....	50
" Tarrytown, N. Y., Boys' Soc.	10	Albert Jongewaard.....	5
" " " G. M. Bd.	5	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Karsten....	3
Van Pelt Manor, N. Y., N. M. S.	5	" Taber Knox.....	5
Walden, N. Y., Y. L. M. C.....	5	E. Kraal.....	2
" " Y. P. S. C. E ...	5	Mrs. J. A. Lansing.....	10
Waupun, Wis.....	7 90	Miss Susan Y. Lansing.....	25
Westchester Classical Union ...	5 64	" Margaret H. Logan.....	1
West Copake, N. Y., L. A. S....	10	Mrs. Maulick.....	3
West Hoboken Chap'l, N. J., S. S.	20	Rev. S. W. Mills, D. D	5
West Leyden, N. Y., W. M. S... ..	5	" T. W. Mullenburg.....	10
1st, Yonkers, N. Y.....	12 28	Peter Murkens.....	2
Zeeland, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E... ..	50	D. Niessink.....	11
" " Jun. C. E. S... ..	2 50	Prof. J. B. Nykerk.....	1
Anonymous.....	2 25	Rev. H. Oosterhoff	1 25
A poor woman's vow.....	3	Mrs. Polhemus.....	5
Rev. Wm. F. Barny.....	5	Miss Polhemus.....	2
Mrs. Abbie J. Bell.....	2 50	" M. Polhemus.....	1
Rev. A. Bonthuis... ..	2 38	" Frances C. Post....	1
Mrs. Wm. Bradner.....	5	Mrs. Geo. W. Sanford.....	5
Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, Ph.D.....	3	" T. V. Sanford.....	1
G. Brouwer and family.....	1	" Jennie Schureman. . . .	1
S. Coburn.....	3	John Slag.....	50
Mrs. E. N. Collier.....	50	Mrs. C. J. Smith.....	1
Miss E. A. Congar.....	1	" C W. Stevens.....	50
Christmas offering from B. chil-		Rev. W. D. Strong.....	5
dren.. ..	5	Walter Struik.....	5
H. De Jong	10	Matthew Suydam.....	5
Mrs. J. P. De Jong	11	Mr. and Mrs. V. M. W. Suydam.	20

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Miss Christina Ten Have.....	2 50	Dr. and Mrs. A. Ward.....	10
“ Henrietta Ten Have.....	2 50	Miss S. R. Ward.....	5
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tichenor....	4	Mrs Edwin S. Waterman.....	10
Tithe Box.....	5	“ C. S. Weiser.....	5
T. W.....	10	S. H. Wheeler.....	20
Miss Lizzie Van der Linden....	10	Cornelius Wilkins.....	10
“ Mary C. Van Brunt.....	2	J. B. Williams.....	55
Herbert C. Van Fleet.....	1	Miss Anna Wisner.....	1
A. A. Van Houten and friends...	18	Mrs. Richard Wisner.....	3
S. Van Neste.....	20	“ Clinton W. Wisner.....	5
J. J. Van Wijk.....	10	Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D. D...	50
Mrs. James Van Wyck.....	1	Mrs. R. S. W.....	10
Bert Wabeke.....		Wm. Ten Brink.....	1 50
Miss Anna Wagner.....	1	Mrs. M. J. Winans and daughters	15
“ Kate Wagner.....	2		
Mrs. John Waldron.....	5	Total.....	<u>\$4,584 65</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from Syndicates	\$3,821 62
“ “ other sources.....	4,584 65
“ for objects outside the appropriations... ..	2,684 07
	<u>\$11,090 34</u>

*The Arabian Mission in account with PETER DONALD,
Treasurer, for the year ending April 30, 1899.*

Dr.	
To cash paid for account of work in Arabia....	\$8,750
Cash paid in New York, for account of missionaries.....	1,104 77
Printing Annual Report, quarterly letters, and leaflets.....	\$247 45
Bookkeeping.....	300
Postage..	76 93
Traveling.....	88 34
Stenographer.....	43 80
Incidentals.....	48 35
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	804 87
Outfits of missionaries and travel to Arabia.....	3,012 95
Loan account April 30, 1899.....	4,000
Balance on hand carried to new account.....	2,834 79
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	\$20,507 38
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Cr.	
By balance brought forward May 1, 1898.....	\$5,217 04
Loan account May 1, 1898.....	4,000
Gifts, Syndicate.....	\$3,821 62
" Non-Syndicate.....	4,584 65
" for objects outside the appropriation.....	2,684 07
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	11,090 34
Interest on loans.....	200 00
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	\$20,507 38
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New York City, May 1, 1899.

PETER DONALD. *Treasurer.*
per JAS. L. AMERMAN, *Asst. Treasurer.*

Treasurer's account examined and found correct, showing the condition of the Arabian Mission May 1, 1899, to be as follows:

Reserved fund, loaned at 5 per cent.....	\$4,000
Cash on hand.....	2,834 79
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	\$6,834 79

Of this amount

The Building Fund balance is.....	\$3,079 29
Gift for printing book on Arabia.....	96 40

JOHN C. GIFFING, }
FRANCIS BACON, } *Auditing Committee.*

New York, May 5, 1899.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1898.

(In compliance with resolution of General Synod.)

AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

Salaries and allowances for children.....		GOLD, \$11,543 90
Personal teachers.....		112 30
Travel to China : Misses Morrison, Cappon and Holbrow.....		845 50
Outfit : Miss Holbrow.....		300
Traveling to America : Rev. A. D. D. Fraser.....		612 57
Dr. F. T. B. Fest and family.....		810 65
Freight		440 73
Evangelistic Work.....		1337 68
Boys' Academy, Kolongsu.....	\$278 94	
Primary School, "	166 43	
Woman's " "	143 86	
Girls' " "	309 50	
" Sio-khe.....	102 35	
Thirteen Day Schools.....	67 13	
Theological Seminary.....	17 95	
	-----	1,084 45
Hospitals : Amoy.....	747 62	
Sio-khe.....	125 41	
Sanataria and Medical Bills.....	85 08	
	-----	958 11
Rents, Repairs, Taxes, etc		1,058 99
Miscellaneous		96 87
Special gifts for work not included in appropriations.....		3,294 94

		<u>\$23,297 19</u>

ARCOT MISSION, INDIA.

Salaries and allowances for children.....		GOLD, \$ 17,019 42
Personal teachers.....		218 17
Travel to India : Rev. John Scudder, balance.....		735 53
" America : Rev. W. I. Chamberlain.....		797 58
Freight, Insurance, etc.....		24 44
Evangelistic Work.....		6,557 07
Eight Boarding Schools.....	24,146 13	
156 Day Schools.....	4,305 24	
Industrial School.....	351 32	
17 Hindu Girls' Schools.....	2,376 73	
	-----	11,179 42

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Hospital and Sanitaria.....	1,287 11
Rents, Repairs, Taxes, etc.....	2,184 58
Mission Meetings, etc.....	331 18
Books and Printing.....	84 14
New property in villages.....	336 11
Miscellaneous.....	435 74
Special gifts for work not included in the appropriations.....	2,718 01
	<u>\$43,910 50</u>

NORTH JAPAN MISSION.

	GOLD.
Salaries and allowances for children.....	\$12,815 84
Personal teachers.....	235 88
Travel to America : Misses Brokaw and Moulton.....	509 86
Travel to Japan : Rev. M. N. Wyckoff and family.....	851 67
Refit : Dr. M. N. Wyckoff.....	250 00
Outfit : Miss H. J. Wyckoff.....	300 00
Evangelistic work.....	3,159 92
Schools.—Ferris Seminary, Yokohama.....	\$2,466 00
Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo Acad. Dept.....	1,211 46
" " Theol. ".....	563 98
	<u>4,441 39</u>
House rents.....	1,733 59
Repairs : Aomori.....	57 50
Travel in Mission work.....	101 53
Publication.....	48 19
Medical bills.	165 63
Stationery, postage, etc.....	40 53
Expenses connected with death of Dr. G. F. Verbeck.....	110 05
	<u>\$24,621 58</u>

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION.

	GOLD.
Salaries and allowances for children.	\$7,692 77
Personal teachers	167 88
Travel to Japan : Rev. H. Stout, D.D., and family.....	858 46
Refit : Rev. H. Stout, D.D.....	300 00
Outfit : Miss A. B. Stout.. . . .	300 00
Evangelistic work.....	3,095 06
Schools.—Sturges Seminary.....	\$1,198 10
Steele College.....	2,497 98
Theological Dept.....	315 00
Women's Training Class....	82 70
Winter Bible School.....	12 50
	<u>4,106 28</u>
House rents.....	750 09
Taxes, Insurance, etc.....	319 16
Repairs	430 20
Travel in Mission work....	152 90
Publication.....	59 58
Medical bills.....	312 52
Sundries.....	164 01
Residence for Kanji at Steele College.....	409 80
	<u>\$19,118 71</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

HOME EXPENSES.

Salaries.....	\$4,700 00	
Rent and care of office.....	976 80	
Account books and stationery.....	100 76	
Postage.....	190 56	
Missionary boxes.....	84 34	
Sundries.....	130 84	
Printing Annual Report.....	498 84	
Printing leaflets.....	201 50	
Traveling.....	293 46	
The Mission Field ..	688 21	
Counsel fees.....	45 00	
Fuel and light.....	45 24	
Stenographer.....	93 60	
Remington Typewriter	97 50	
Interest on loans.....	1,334 09	
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		\$9,475 74

RECAPITULATION.

Amoy Mission.....	\$23,297 19	
Arcot Mission.....	43,910 50	
North Japan Mission.	24,621 58	
South Japan Mission.....	19,118 71	
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		\$110,947 98
Home expenses.....		9,475 74
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		<u>\$120,423 72</u>

MISSIONARIES OF THE BOARD.

The following list presents the names of Missionaries now connected with the various Missions, whether in the field or at home, expecting to return, with their addresses.

Letter postage to all Lands here named, five cents per half ounce, or fraction.

Postage on printed matter, one cent for each two ounces, or fraction.

AMOY MISSION.

Only address—*Amoy, China.*

WENT OUT.

Mrs. J. V. N. Talmage.....	1865
Rev. Daniel Rapalje, 25 East 22d Street, New York City.....	1858
Mrs. Alice Rapalje, " " ".....	1878
Rev. L. W. Kip, D.D. " " ".....	1861
Mrs. Helen C. Kip " " ".....	1861
Miss Mary E. Talmage.....	1874
Miss Catherine M. Talmage.....	1881
Rev. Philip W. Pitcher.....	1885
Mrs. Annie T. Pitcher.....	1885
Rev. John A. Otte, M.D.....	1887
Mrs. Frances C. Otte.....	1887
Miss Nellie Zwemer.....	1891
Miss Elizabeth M. Cappon.....	1891
Miss Mary C. Morrison.....	1892
Miss Lily N. Duryee.....	1894
Rev. Hobart E. Studley.....	1896
Mrs. Edith J. Studley.....	1898
Miss M. van Beeck Calkoen.....	1896
C. Otto Stumpf, M.D.....	1899
Mrs. Eleanor Stumpf.....	1899
Miss Angie M. Myers, M.D.....	1899
Miss Louise Brink.....	1899

ARCOT MISSION.

General address—*Madras Presidency, India.*

Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M.D., D.D., <i>Palmaner</i>	1855
Mrs. Julia C. Scudder, <i>Palmaner</i>	1855
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., D.D., <i>Madanapalle</i>	1859
Mrs. Charlotte B. Chamberlain, <i>Madanapalle</i>	1859
Rev. John Scudder, M.D., D.D., <i>Vellore</i>	1861
Mrs. Sophia W. Scudder, <i>Vellore</i>	1861
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, <i>Tindivanam</i>	1874
Mrs. Gertrude Chandler Wyckoff, <i>Tindivanam</i>	1892
Miss Julia C. Scudder, <i>Palmaner</i>	1879
Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, Jr., <i>Arni</i>	1882
Mrs. Mabel J. Scudder, <i>Arni</i>	1889
Miss M. K. Scudder, <i>Ranipettai</i>	1884
Rev. W. I. Chamberlain, 66 Bayard St., New Brunswick, N. J.....	1887
Mrs. Mary E. Chamberlain, 66 Bayard St., New Brunswick, N. J.....	1891
Rev. Lewis R. Scudder, M. D., <i>Ranipettai</i>	1888
Mrs. Ethel T. Scudder, <i>Ranipettai</i>	1888
Rev. Louis B. Chamberlain, <i>Madanapalle</i>	1891
Mrs. Julia Anable Chamberlain, <i>Madanapalle</i>	1897
Miss Lizzie von Bergen, <i>Madanapalle</i>	1891
Rev. James A. Beattie, <i>Chittoor</i>	1894
Mrs. Margaret Dall Beattie, <i>Chittoor</i>	1894
Mrs. Louisa H. Hart, M.D., <i>Ranipettai</i>	1895
Rev. Henry Huizinga, <i>Ranipettai</i>	1896

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Mrs. Susan A. Huizinga, <i>Ranipettai</i>	1896
Rev. Henry J. Scudder, <i>Vellore</i>	1897
Mrs. Margaret B. Scudder, <i>Vellore</i>	1897
William H. Farrar, <i>Arni</i>	1897
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Farrar, <i>Arni</i>	1897

NORTH JAPAN MISSION.

General address—*Japan*.

Rev. James H. Ballagh, <i>49 Bluff, Yokohama</i>	1861
Mrs. Margaret K. Ballagh, <i>49 Bluff, Yokohama</i>	1861
Rev. E. Rothesay Miller, <i>Morioka, Iwate Ken</i>	1875
Mrs. Mary E. Miller, <i>Morioka, Iwate Ken</i>	1869
Rev. Eugene S. Booth, <i>178 Bluff, Yokohama</i>	1879
Mrs. Emily S. Booth, <i>178 Bluff, Yokohama</i>	1879
Prof. Martin N. Wyckoff, D. Sc., <i>Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo</i>	1881
Mrs. Anna C. Wyckoff, <i>Meiji Gakuin, Tokyo</i>	1881
Miss M. Leila Winn, <i>Aomori</i>	1882
Rev. Howard Harris, <i>Ichino-seki, Iwate Ken</i>	1884
Mrs. Lizzie B. Harris, <i>Ichino-seki, Iwate Ken</i>	1884
Miss Anna DeF. Thompson, <i>178 Bluff, Yokohama</i>	1886
Miss Mary Deyo, <i>619 Ueda, Shinano</i>	1888
Miss Julia Moulton, <i>178 Bluff, Yokohama</i>	1889
Rev. Frank S. Scudder, <i>Nagano</i>	1897
Mrs. Florence D. S. Scudder, <i>Nagano</i>	1897
Mrs. Jennie Dumont Schenck, <i>Nagano</i>	1897
Miss Harriet J. Wyckoff.....	1898

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION.

General address—*Japan*.

Rev. Henry Stout, D.D., <i>Nagasaki</i>	1869
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Stout, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1869
Rev. Albert Oltmans, <i>Saga</i>	1886
Mrs. Alice V. Oltmans, <i>Saga</i>	1886
Rev. Albertus Pieters, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1891
Mrs. Emma T. Pieters, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1891
Miss Sarah M. Couch, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1892
Rev. Harman V. S. Peeke, <i>25 East 22d Street, N.Y.</i>	1893
Mrs. Vesta O. Peeke, " " " ".....	1893
Miss Harriet M. Lansing, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1893
Miss Anna K. Stryker, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1897
Miss Anna B. Stout, <i>Nagasaki</i>	1898
Rev. Charles M. Myers.....	1899

ARABIAN MISSION.

General address—*Via Bombay. Open London Mail.*

Rev. James Cantine, <i>Muscat, Arabia</i>	1889
Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, F. R. G. S., <i>Bahrein, Persian Gulf</i>	1890
Mrs. Amy W. Zwemer, <i>Bahrein, Persian Gulf</i>	1896
H. R. L. Worrall, M.D., <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1894
Rev. Fred. J. Barny, <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1897
Mrs. Margaret R. Barny.....	1898
Rev. George E. Stone, <i>Muscat, Arabia</i>	1898
Sharon J. Thoms, M.D., <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1898
Mrs. Marion Thoms, M.D., <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1898
Rev. Harry J. Wiersum, <i>Busrah, Persian Gulf</i>	1899

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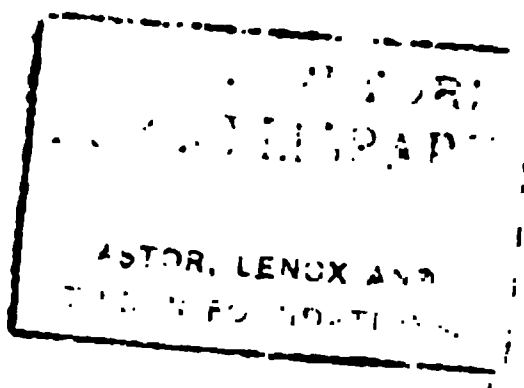
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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions entered upon the year which now closes, and upon the work assigned it by the General Synod, in the desire and purpose, by the grace of God, to use all proper means to make our Church more extensively useful in the department of Christian benevolence which it represents. It has long been felt that our ancient Church is far behind the position she should occupy in the home-land at this period of her history, and for this there is no valid excuse.

To be

“ A little garden, walled around,
Chosen, and made peculiar ground,”

may have some attractive features, and may conduce to ease and comfort in lessening the sense of responsibility, but it is not the condition which promotes obedience to our Lord's commands, and which most readily welcomes the Holy Ghost power with the sure result of witnessing for Jesus “both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.”

The burden on the hearts of the members of the Board, and their increasing efforts have been to use the means in hand for the best advantage of the denomination and the increase of Christ's followers, and to so stimulate the interest of our Church in our home work that prayer and labor and gifts shall be adequate to its importance and demands. That results have not reached the measure of desire is disappointing, but not disheartening. The year has not been free from anxieties and discouragements; yet it has been more a year of joy than of sorrow; more of success than of failure. All our mission churches and stations, with few exceptions, have been supplied with the gospel, a few new fields have come under our care, our faithful missionaries and pastors have told us

that they have not labored in vain; they have come to report bringing their sheaves with them.

The Board is not without encouragement also in the persuasion that our Church at large is becoming more united in her views and sympathies and efforts in our Home Missions. Pastors, consistories and churches in increasing numbers express regret for past neglect and want of liberality towards this great work, and a purpose to show deeper interest in the future. Hope is thus stimulated that our beloved Church may yet take her proper place in the work of extending and strengthening the Kingdom in this as well as in other lands.

It is seldom that a year's record of Missionary labor does not include obituaries. The shadow of death has fallen on our faithful band of toilers the past year, and two of the number have been taken: Rev. J. Howard Van Doren, pastor of the church of Bath-on-Hudson, N. Y., who died June 7, 1898, and Rev. Henry Miller, pastor of the 4th church of Albany, N. Y., who passed away Jan. 27, 1899. Servants of God, well done! "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

One of the beloved members of the Board, Rev. Chas. W. Fritts, D. D., has been debarred from active pastoral and all other labor by a continued illness. He has felt compelled to resign his membership in the Board, and the Board has reluctantly accepted his resignation. The Rev. J. G. Van Slyke, D. D., was chosen in his place. With deep regret and sympathy the Board makes record of these afflictive visitations of Providence, and prays for increase of consecration and zeal in view of the coming to all of "the night in which no man can work."

THE FIELD AND THE WORK.

There is little in the work of one year that differs from that of any other year in Home Missions. The past year shows nothing exceptional. The ingatherings and gladdness and hopefulness which find expression in the reports of not a few of our missionaries and pastors are the bright side to the pictures of barrenness and disappointments and discouragements which others are con-

strained to portray ; but the former are the majority. To reproduce all these within the limits of this report would be impracticable if not improfitable. In a careful study of them all an impression is received of progress ; a growth, slow but steady ; and a hopefulness for the future of our Church, which should prompt to larger plans and gifts.

As the nearest approach we can make to a complete survey of the field and the work of the past year, we call attention to the following carefully prepared tabnlar statement in which, by figures and other items, the status of each Church and Mission aided by the Board is made known.

REPORT ON

REPORT OF EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT		MINISTERS										REMARKS.				
CLERGY	CHURCH	FAMILIES.	Members.	Confession.	Certificate.	In Sunday School.	Church Provided for Salary.	Church Gave for Domestic Missions.	Parsonage.	Church.	Congregation Provided.	Church Appropriated.				
Albany.....	4th Albany, N. Y.	F. Mueller, P. E.	80	120	10	210	900	40 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....			
"	6th " "	G. W. Furbeck.	44	43	10	212	400	17 80	No	No	No	.....			
Bergen	Guttenberg, N. J.	W. Manchee, S.S.	35	57	6	276	450	25 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....			
"	Secaucus, "	Student supplied.	20	20	.....	104	.....	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	1st Hoboken, "	Conrad Blum.	99	133	18	243	700	12 00	No	Yes	.....	.....		
South Bergen	Free J. City.	H. C. Cussler.	100	134	6	175	700	12 00	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	3d Bayonne, "	H. L. Franzen.	63	109	11	135	500	9 00	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	1st G. E. J. City, "	J. Helminger.	125	358	60	357	700	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....		
Kingston....	Dashville F's, N. Y.	Supplied.	38	83	2	36	200	2 00	Yes	Yes	.....	.....		
"	Lyonsville, "	E. H. Keator, S.S.	41	75	.....	80	180	1 25	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	Krumville, "	"	25	78	7	75	175	7 50	No	Yes	.....	.....		
N. L. Island	Hicksville, "	E. Gutweiler.	70	67	3	140	550	1 50	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	1st L. L. City, "	Alex. Shaw.	50	72	8	86	675	24 37	Yes	Yes	.....	.....		
"	Sayville, "	John Hoffman.	62	100	1	110	700	22 38	Yes	Yes	.....	.....		
"	S. Bushwick, Ger.	A. Gunther.	68	103	7	280	400	9 00	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	2d Newtown, N.Y.	A. G. F. Bender.	53	118	9	88	500	7 50	Yes	Yes	.....	.....		
"	Sunnyside, "	J. P. Doyle.	40	35	6	140	400	16 25	No	Yes	.....	.....		
"	Winfield Miss., "	Student supply.	32	27	15	280	.....	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....		
S. L. Island.	2d Flatbush, "	L. Goebel.	50	110	5	125	225	8 00	Yes	Yes	.....	.....		

Former Pastor died Jan. 1899.
About to build church.

Assumed self support May 1. 99.

Completed Church.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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REPORT OF EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

S. L. Island.	Canarie,	N. Y.	J. Ficken	25	100	4	70	450	20	00	Yes	Yes	Partly built, \$150 int. p'd by B'd. Res. Sept. 1, '98. Board paid \$200 for int. on debt.	
"	Ridgewood,	"	G. R. Israel	50	45	7	5	200	500	5	No	Yes		
"	Greenw'd Hgts,	"	A. P. Stockwell	30	65	2	110	200	47	25	No	Yes		
"	Ger. Am. B'kn	"	W. J. H. Boetcker	73	138	38	4	196	200		No	Yes		
"	St. Thomas, W. I.	"	J. C. Hume	32	100			600	500		Yes	Yes		
"	Ocean Hill, B'kn	"	A. M. Quick	60	143		200		10	00	No	Yes		
Monmouth	Highlands, N. Y.	"	Student supplies.	15	25		60	130			No	Yes		
Montgomery	Am., Trinity, N.Y.	"	E. J. Bleckink	80	125	10	3	232	450	27	62	No	Yes	
"	Johnstown,	"	J. Van Burk	50	67	4	1	110	350	38	90	No	Yes	
"	Sprakers,	"	J. A. Thomson	50	90	2	6	117	450	10	05	Yes	Yes	
"	Mapletown,	"	"	30	60		2	65	250	12	46	No	Yes	
"	Naumburg,	"	Vacant	16	39			60	32	50	Yes	Yes	Student supply last summer.	
"	New Bremen,	"	"								No	Yes	Not in operation last year	
"	Owasco Outlet,	"	E. W. Florence	30	56	1	1	25	350	43	33	Yes	Yes	Rev. F. A. Force res. Nov. 1, '98.
"	and Syracuse,	"	J. C. Maar	35	64	1	1	100	400	27	15	No	No	Res. Apr. 1, '99.
"	Buffalo,	"	J. Perry Beaver	71	88	8	2	201	600	11	59	No	No	Org. May 9, '98. About to build Ch. W. E. C. gave \$30
"	W. Leyden,	"	F. E. Schlieder	32	53	1	63	225	36	00	Yes	Yes	Not in operation last year.	
"	Point Rock,	"	"											
Newark	West New., N. J.	"	C. Girtanner	78	230	25	230	625			Yes	Yes		
"	Trin., New	"	J. N. Morris	150	170	18	7	440	1000	48	94	Yes	Yes	
"	Plainfield (Ger.)	"	Geo. Hauser	35	80	5	45	300	22	04	Yes	Yes		
"	Montclair Hgts	"	C. W. Gulick	21	20	2	5	40	400	20	04	No	Yes	
N Brunswick	Highland Park	"	A. S. Van Dyck	55	75	3	2	82	600	35	50	No	Yes	
New York	Huguenot,	"	S. I. David Junor	70	40	1	86	500	27	00	Yes	Yes	Nearly completed. Completed Ch. W. E. C. gave \$125 towards furnishing.	
"	Kreischerville,	"	J. Ganss	200	60	6	150	300			Yes	Yes	Began Nov. 1, '98.	
"	W. Farms, N.Y.C	"	H. C. Weber	50	25	2	1	70	800	8	47	Yes	Yes	Temporary b'd'g on leased g'd's.
"	Comforter,	"	H. V. S. Myers	30	55	6	3	100	500	13	64	No	Yes	Student supply for summer.
Orange	Grahamville N. Y.	"	Vacant	37	98	21	1	90	300	17	80	Yes	Yes	"
"	Unionville,	"	"	7	13		25	50			No	Yes	"	
"	Claryville,	"	"	40	45			50	10	00	No	Yes	Student supply in summer.	
"	Minisink,	"	"	38	50		30		2	50	Yes	Yes	Built new Church.	

REPORT ON

REPORT OF EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.				MINISTERS										REMARKS.				
CLASSES	CHILDREN	FAMILIES	Members.	Rec'd		In Sunday Schools.	Church Provided.	Church Gave for Domestic Missions.	Parsonage.	Church.	Buildings.							
				Confession.	Certificates.						Congregation	Church.	C. B. F. Appropriated.					
Orange.....	2d Port Jarvis, N. Y.	D. T. Harris.....	35	40	5	90	200	6 00	No	Yes								
Paramus....	Garfield, N. J.	W. G. Myles.....	50	79	8	150	350	9 22	Yes	Yes								
"	Glen Rock.	Student Supply..	20	21	2	40	200	8 83	No	Yes								
"	Hawthorne,	Wm. Johnston...	47	47	9	80	300	12 00	No	Yes								
"	N. Paterson,	"	35	41	1	112	300	7 00	No	Yes								
"	Wortendyke,	W. Lubach.....	70	188	8	75	550	5 70	Yes	Yes								
Philadelphia	South Phil'a, Pa.	I. L. Kip.....	25	14	..	75	400	1 74	No	Yes								
"	Talmage M'l, Phil	H. C. Willoughby	95	157	10	287	1000	64 66	No	Yes								
Roughkepsle	Cold Spring, N. Y.	Jos. McIntyre...	35	44	4	50	300	3 00	No	Yes								
Karitan	Annandale, N. J.	H. B. Allen.....	57	100	2	127	550	41 66	Yes	Yes								
"	4th Raritan,	F. Koechl.....	70	150	7	140	450	13 00	No	Yes								
Rensselaer...	Bath-on-Hud., N. Y.	A. W. Hopper...	40	60	4	140	250	54 50	No	Yes								
"	Stuyvesant F's,	Vacant.....	72	89	8	47	600	16 84	Yes	Yes								
Rochester	Arcadia,	G. Daugremond.	70	150	3	75	350	34 65	Yes	Yes								
"	Brighton,	D. L. Betten....	75	144	10	200	700	70 40	No	Yes								
"	Pultneyville,	M. Van Doorn...	60	151	5	131	525	56 16	Yes	Yes								
"	Palmyra,	J. G. Filkema...	60	135	2	90	300	15 65	Yes	Yes								
"	Ontario,	"	21	45	3	40	200	5 78	No	Yes								
"	Tyre,	S. Rederus.....	304	54	2	55	325	25 71	Yes	Yes								

Became pastor Dec. 1, '98.
Self supporting since Aug. 1, '98.

Began May 1, '99.
A. W. Hopper res. May 1, '99.
W. E. C. gave \$35 for painting.

Took charge Aug. 1, '98.
Completed Ch. W. E. C. gave \$80

REPORT OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ON

WESTERN DEPARTMENT.														REMARKS.		
CLASSES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Members.	Rec'd.		In Sunday Schools.	Church Promised for Salary.	Church Gave for Domestic Missions.	Parsonage.	Church.	Buildings.				
					Confession.	Certificate.						Congregation Promised.	C. B. F. Appropriated.		Church.	Parsonage.
Dakota.....	2d Lenox,	S. D.	J. H. Schoon....	45	44	6	...	63	200	51 29	Yes	Yes	...	...	W. E. C. gave \$50 for painting
"	3d "	"	E. F. Koerlin...	34	24	...	...	33	150	12 00	Yes	Yes	...	...	Ch., and \$50 for furnace.
"	Davis,	"	"	25	22	...	...	30	150	...	No	Yes	1500	...	By W. E. C. Completed Ch.
"	Harrison,	"	A. G. Zigeler....	87	140	3	8	80	400	150 42	Yes	Yes	...	...
"	Chas. Mix.	"	B. Mollema.....	17	34	6	...	41	150	11 50	Yes	Yes	...	...
"	Sioux Falls,	"	Vacant	25	25	...	...	60	200	8 05	Yes	Yes	...	...	Pastor res. Nov. 1, '98.
"	Yankton,	"	C. F. Dewitz....	15	42	...	...	36	100	10 81	Yes	Yes	...	...
"	Salem.	"	W. F. Barny....	36	37	2	4	65	250	9 00	Yes	Yes	...	...
"	Bon Homme.	"	J. F. Heemstra.	32	44	1	4	45	200	10 00	Yes	Yes	...	425	Became pas. Aug. 1, '98. B't p'ge	
"	Westfield,	N. D.	K. J. Dykema..	47	65	7	3	96	450	51 52	Yes	Yes	...	...	Began to b'ld new Ch. Aug. 1, '98
"	Grandview,	S. D.	Cl. Missionary.	33	66	3	...	67	...	18 00	Yes	Yes	...	...	Student supply in summer.
"	Sandham,	"	"	15	26	...	...	25	...	10 00	No	Yes	...	...	"
"	Scotland,	"	"	16	41	...	...	19	...	6 00	No	Yes	...	...	"
"	Van Raalte,	"	"	16	27	...	2	...	...	26 00	No	Yes	1436	...	Burned Ch. rebuilt. By W. E. C.
"	Hooker,	"	"	17	15	1	...	52	...	37 00	No	Yes	...	...	Student supply in summer.
"	Wakonda,	"	"	14	19	...	...	50	...	...	Yes	Yes	...	...	"
"	Wormser C., Mont	"	Vacant.....	18	39	1	...	...	...	...	No	No	...	...	"
Grand River	Atwood,	Mich.	Wm. Pool.....	45	63	5	4	60	200	31 00	Yes	Yes	...	600	Purchased parsonage.	
"	Coopersville,	"	W. H. Bruins..	48	105	13	...	80	420	40 07	Yes	Yes		
"	Detroit,	"	J. Kremer.....	45	92	7	2	70	600	61 03	No	Yes		

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Grand River	Falmouth, Mich.	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REPORT OF WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

WESTERN DEPARTMENT										REMARKS.					
CLASSES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Members.	Rec'd.		In Sunday Schools.	Church Promoted for Salary.	Church Gave for Domestic Missions.	Parsonage.	Church.	Buildings.			
					Confession.	Certificate.						Congregation Promoted.	C. B. F. Appropriated.		
Illinois.....	Bethany.	Ia. W. S. Gruys....	30	40	7	1	65	300	Yes	Yes	Became pastor Aug. 1, '98. W. E. C. gave \$75 for sheds.
"	Bethlehem.	" Vacant.....	15	16	.....	.....	15	.....	8 50	.....	No	No	.....	.....
"	Bethel.	" ".....	32	37	1	115	Yes	Yes	About to build Ch. Completed Ch.
"	Otley.	" ".....	45	55	10	2	70	.....	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	Leighton.	" G. Tyse.....	43	60	1	2	125	400	21 24	.....	Yes	No	.....	.....
"	Galesburg.	" F. Klooster.....	32	36	..	3	40	125	4 90	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	Manito.	Ill. E. A. Drake....	46	85	11	2	110	250	14 05	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	Spring Lake.	" ".....	42	84	2	.....	94	200	20 90	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	Havana.	" G. W. Scarlet....	70	90	2	.....	110	500	.....	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....
"	Bushnell.	" Wm. Miedema....	50	54	3	1	90	350	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	ad Pekin.	" P. F. Schuelke....	47	75	2	.....	160	400	32 10	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	Trinity, Chicago.	" P. Moerdyke....	43	45	7	1	150	1000	85 50	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....
"	N. Western.	" S. Vanderwerf....	62	25	5	3	130	800	72 30	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....
"	Norwood Park.	" J. N. Hutchison..	59	86	4	2	126	900	17 00	.....	Yes	Yes	.....	.....
"	Immanuel Miss..	" Otto J. Scheibe..	35	..	..	..	148	.....	.....	.....	No	Yes	.....	.....
Iowa.....	Bethel, Minn.	" H. J. Pietsenpol..	56	77	4	5	113	300	37 31	Yes	Yes	A mission of Irving Park Church. W. E. C. gave \$57 towards organ. Supplied by Classis. Completed Ch. W. E. C. gave \$50.
"	Churchville.	" S. J. Menning....	30	40	3	8	52	275	18 00	Yes	Yes	
"	Roseland.	" Vacant.....	18	35	2	2	40	300	16 40	No	Yes	
"	Clara City.	" ".....	25	20	30	...	4 00	No	Yes	

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The following figures will, at a glance, show a summary of the foregoing statistics, and also a comparison with those of a previous year :

	1897-8	1898-9
<i>Eastern Churches and Missions helped</i>	89	89
Missionaries and Pastors (not including Students).....	67	70
Number of families.....	4,288	4,448
Communicants	6,748	6,985
Received on Confession.....	516	509
Received on Certificate	166	213
In Sunday Schools.....	9,770	9,630
Churches promised for Pastor's sal- aries.....		\$32,545 00
Churches gave for Domestic Missions.		1,465 12
<i>Western Churches and Missions helped</i>	133	133
Missionaries and Pastors (not includ- ing Students).....	87	89
Number of families.....	5,025	4,937
Communicants.....	7,710	7,690
Received on Confession.....	590	416
Received on Certificate.....	278	302
In Sunday Schools.....	9,442	9,087
Churches promised for Pastor's sal- aries.....		\$30,450 00
Churches gave for Domestic Missions.		3,302 45
TOTALS.		
Churches and Missions.....	222	222
Missionaries and Pastors	154	159
Families.....	9,313	9,385
Members.....	14,458	14,675
Added on Confession.....	1,106	925
Added on Certificate.....	444	515
In Sunday Schools.....	19,212	18,717
Promised for Pastor's salaries.....		\$62,995
Gave for Domestic Missions.....		4,767 57
Churches organized.....	3	4

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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Missions begun.....	4	7
Assumed self-support.....	2	8
Churches built or completed.....	7	13
Parsonages built or completed.....	2	6

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

A new Reformed Church was organized in the City of *Buffalo*, N. Y., May 9, 1898, under promising conditions, and is prospering under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Perry Beaver.

Lake Shore Mission in the Classis of Holland, and Zoar Mission at *Dumond*, Ia., in the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, were organized into Churches in the early autumn of 1898.

Missions of *Allendorf*, Ia., *Everly*, Ia., *Hitesville*, Ia., and *Biglow*, Minn., all in the Classis of Pleasant Prairie, and Missions at *Allegan* and *Cadillac*, Mich., in the Classis of Grand River, have been commenced during the year and are under the care of the Classical Missionaries.

A Holland-American Church at *Sioux Center*, Ia., has been received from the Presbyterian denomination by the Classis of Dakota, and has applied to the Board for some assistance.

SELF-SUPPORT.

The Churches at *Annandale*, N. J., *Hicksville*, L. I., *German Ev. Jersey City*, *Macon* and *South Macon*, Mich., *Belmond*, Ia., and *Hull*, Ia., have announced their intention to ask no further aid from the Board.

The *West Hoboken* Mission, started some years ago by the New Durham Church, has, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. R. Ackert, reached the commendable position of self-support before being organized as a Church.

CHURCHES BUILT OR COMPLETED.

Sunnyside, L. I. City, N. Y., Ger. American, Brooklyn, N. Y., Montclair Heights, N. J., Minisink, N. J., Ontario, N. Y., Hamilton, Mich., Van Raalte, Davis, and Monroe, S. Dak., Cromwell Center, North Sibley, Little Rock, and Galesburg, Ia.

REPORT ON

PARSONAGES BUILT OR COMPLETED.

Mount Pleasant, Schenectady, N. Y., Atwood and 4th
Holland, Mich., Bon Homme, S. D., Morrison, Ill., and
Randolph Center., Wis.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's complete statement of receipts and expenditures will be found in its place in this report. The usual comparative summary is here given, and will show at a glance what the Board has received for its work.

FOR MISSIONARY FUND.

	1897-8	1898-9
From Churches.....	\$26,737 23	\$29,350 73
“ Sunday Schools.	5,599 43	6,011 75
“ Individuals.....	3,114 01	12,110 75
“ Ladies' Societies.....	435 45	533 95
Anonymous.....		56 10
Totals.....	\$35,886 12	\$48,063 28

FOR CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

	1897-8	1898-9
From Churches.....	\$4,228 85	\$3,664 34
“ Sunday Schools.....	524 18	603 19
“ Church Builders.....	555 59	367 48
“ C. E. Societies.....	1,999 80	1,883 42
“ Individuals.....	166 00	378 50
“ Ladies' Societies.....		15 00
Totals.....	\$7,474 42	\$6,911 93

	1897-8	
Offerings and gifts for both funds..	\$43,360 54	\$54,975 21
Increase for Missionary Fund....		12,177 16
Decrease for Building Fund.....		562 49
Total increase in offerings.....		11,614 67
Decrease in legacies.....		15,650 11

	1897-8	1898-9
Total offerings for D.M. and C.B.F.	\$43,360 54	\$54,975 21
Legacies for Missionary Fund....	18,900 41	3,200 30

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Legacies for Building Fund.....		50 00
Interest on investments, rents, etc.	2,314 64	2,478 57
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Totals.....	\$64,575 59	\$60,704 08
Receipts by W. E. C.....	20,124 04	23,166 20
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Grand total of offerings, legacies, interest, etc.....	\$84,699 63	\$83,870 28

The grand totals show the receipts of the past year to be \$829.35 less than those of the previous year. In 1897-8 it was a large legacy of \$15,000 that saved the Board from a distressing debt. Last year the noble gift of \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhees saved the Board from a like misfortune. By careful expenditure the debt of \$4,947.05, reported last year, has been decreased to \$3,226.

THE WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The wisely directed energies of this helping hand of the Board have been crowned with another year of signal success. The Board can only praise and be thankful, while Mrs. Horton, their Corresponding Secretary, speaks modestly and briefly of their year's work as follows :

The Woman's Executive Committee, in presenting its sixteenth annual report, announces with deep gratitude the fact that its receipts for the year just closed are far larger than those of any year in its history.

The receipts for the General Fund were \$17,781.85. For the Indian work \$5,384.35. Total \$23,166.20. This is \$3,052.16 more than we received for the year ending April 30th, 1898, a most encouraging increase during this year, when the war made such serious inroads on the funds of many of our auxiliaries, whose members gave splendidly through the Red Cross Societies.

With the money received we have helped to build three parsonages and four churches ; not quite so many as usual ; but we have done a vast amount of "repairing," as we deem it wise to keep the Board's property in good order. We have carefully guarded every dollar received,

and endeavored to dispense our funds as we believe those who give would wish. We believe that all appropriations have been wisely made ; that not one dollar too much has been given, in any case ; and that all has been well expended by those receiving.

The Classes having retained, for still another year, the Classical Missionaries in Dakota and Pleasant Prairie Classes, we have gladly promised their salaries.

For the first time we have assumed the support of every "Student Missionary" to be sent to the home field, East or West, this summer ; and hope that our company of the Lord's soldiers thus enlisted will number at least thirty. We feel that no student who desires to go for active service, during the summer, should be denied the opportunity.

Our Indian work received a great impetus through the visit to the Eastern churches, and to some of those in Michigan and Illinois, of our honored missionaries, Rev. Walter C. Roe and Mrs. Roe. As one definite result a new mission is to be undertaken among the Apaches in Oklahoma.

We hope to take up another new and most important mission, namely, among the "Mountain Whites" of the South. Some of our Western friends and helpers are especially interested in this movement, and have already sent money to our treasury for it. A society in New Jersey has given the first quarter's salary for our first mission teacher. We but await the needed dispensation from the Domestic Board to begin. •

We announce with pleasure that all our work is winning its way in churches where, until now, its claims were quite unknown. We believe that this welcome into so many new places will mean even larger increase in its gifts.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

The employment of students of our Seminaries for Mission service during the Summer vacation continues with good results. They are frequently commended by Classical action ; the Churches and Missions they serve

speak highly of them, and greatly appreciate their labors; and the students desiring appointments are grateful for them both for the experience in ministerial labor and for the pecuniary aid. Last summer twenty-four were commissioned. About thirty will be sent to as many vacant fields during the coming vacation.

With thankfulness the Board announces that the Woman's Executive Committee has, in addition to their now numerous objects of benevolence, assumed the entire cost of supporting these Student Missionaries.

CLASSICAL AND SYNODICAL MISSIONARIES.

These have been employed by the Board for the past nine years. They were originally appointed at the request of the classes and synods which they have served, and were reappointed from year to year at the renewed solicitation of these same bodies. Four years ago the office of Synodical Missionary was discontinued in the Synod of Chicago, at the suggestion of the Synod, as the work of the itinerant Missionary was being largely done by Classical Missionaries. Recently the Board inquired of the synods and classes which still have their Missionaries at large, whether in their judgment it would promote economy without detriment to the work to discontinue altogether the offices of Synodical and Classical Missionary. In this action the Board made no complaint, and intended no reflection upon the services of the Missionaries. These men, without exception, have been devoted and constant and successful in their appointed work. It was only because it had been several times intimated to the Board that, in discontinuing these offices, the interests of economy might be served without injury to the cause, that the Board submitted the matter to the judgment of the several ecclesiastical bodies interested. The Synod of Albany, at its recent session, voted to discontinue the office of Synodical Missionary after July 1, 1899, the date on which the last year's appointment of the present incumbent terminates.

The four Western Classes which now have Classical

Missionaries have requested the continuance of their services for the reasons :

First. That their work is needed both in caring for the small vacant Churches, and in gathering new communities into Missions and Church organizations.

Second. It would not be economy to abolish the office of Classical Missionary, as the Churches and Missions now under their care could not be served by other pastors, but would require pastors of their own, and at a much larger expense to the Board.

FIELD SECRETARY.

It is now one a half years since the Board, by direction of General Synod, began to employ a Field Secretary, the object being to reach churches and individuals by personal visits more frequently than it is possible for the Corresponding Secretary to do, and so increase both interest in our Home Work and gifts for the same. Rev. Wm. W. Clark has been diligent and tactful and successful in this service. He has been most cordially welcomed by the churches, at first in the East, and now while making an extended tour in the West; he has imparted knowledge of the Board's work, and has gathered a large store of information that will be exceedingly valuable to the Board; and by personal solicitation has secured large contributions which would not otherwise have been obtained. The Board highly commends his work to the Synod.

THE FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the eleventh hour, just as the annual report is going to press, the Board sends word fifteen hundred miles away to the Secretary in the Field, to prepare a brief statement of his work and to send it on by return mail. General Grant was once asked tell all he knew in five minutes, and so we have been requested to put into one page all we have done in twelve months. Well, here it is, and if Uncle Sam will delay the mail for a few min-

utes, we will endeavor to condense—boil down and hydraulic press it into a few words.

FINANCIAL.

During the last year, Sundays have been employed in presenting the cause of Domestic Missions in such churches and at such a time, as the regular offering is taken. As a result of the information imparted, the collections in many places have largely increased.

Many of the week nights have been occupied in speaking about our work, and in an endeavor to stir up the people to a more generous response towards its maintenance.

Numerous calls have been made upon individuals for personal gifts, and generous responses in a number of cases have been made. While definite sums of money from individuals and from churches can be traceable to the special efforts put forth, it is impossible to put into dollars and cents the amounts that have been received altogether through these efforts, as the work done has been largely educational in its character, and results therefrom are not as immediate as they are lasting.

EDUCATIONAL.

Much time has been spent in preparing for, and imparting to the people, such information regarding our work as will interest them in it, and cause them to contribute largely and regularly toward it. The majority of these educational addresses have been given without a collection following, but the assurance has been received that the results will be manifested at the time of the next regular offering. This has been the case in the West, where at this writing we are now engaged. According to the direction of the Board, information has been imparted and received, and no collections have been taken except in three cases where the pastor has insisted upon it.

Besides the work in the churches, addresses have been made in various Classes, and at Missionary and other conventions.

Where the way has been open, Bible lectures and evangelistic sermons have also been delivered, for the

aim has been to give, as well as to get, to impart a spiritual blessing, as well as to ask for financial aid. Many such addresses have been made in the churches, the prayer meetings, the Sunday schools and the Christian Endeavor societies.

STATISTICAL.

Regarding the number of visits made and addresses given, we have no data at hand to present. Last summer about seventy of the churches, aided by the Board in the Eastern department were visited. The fall and winter months were spent among the self-supporting churches as has been reported. The months of April and May of this year have been occupied in the Western States, where eighty-five churches have been visited and over seventy addresses have been made. Only one-half of the Western churches have thus far been reached, a desire being expressed by the pastors not yet visited, to come to them at as early a date as possible.

The cordiality extended by the ministers, the warm reception given by the people, the interest shown by the attendance, and the urgent appeals to come again, are not only a delightful surprise, but indicate the wisdom of the Board in sending out a representative into the field. thus bringing the East and the West together, and showing that "One is our Master, even Christ, and we are all brethren."

Orange City, Iowa, May 22d, 1899.

THE PROPOSED MISSION IN THE SOUTH.

The Board has most carefully and exhaustively considered the recommendation of General Synod to found a Mission among the colored people of the South, if the way be clear. A member of the Board was sent to examine localities, and reported, what seemed to him, a suitable field at Florence, Darlington Co., S. C. A colored minister, Rev. Chas. H. Dickerson, was, on Nov. 1, 1898, commissioned as the Board's Missionary to go to Florence and begin the Mission. It was found, however,

that the work must for several years to come be educational and industrial rather than evangelistic, as Baptist and Methodist colored churches were both occupying the field, and the cost to the Board to secure an educational or industrial plant would be large. It was also ascertained that the recent race riots in South Carolina and other parts of the South had seriously disturbed efforts for the betterment of the colored people, and, for the present at least, rendered uncertain the success of any new denominational movement in that direction. At the same time the Board was facing a serious falling off in receipts and the prospect of a largely increased debt at the end of the year. Also the Board was urged by not a few pastors, and in one case by a Classis, not to incur additional debt by taking up this new work.

It was therefore decided to abandon, for the present, the project of a Mission in the South, and the commission of Rev. Chas. H. Dickerson was, with his willing concurrence, withdrawn.

LITERATURE.

The Board has sought to inform and interest the people by means of the press as well as the pulpit. The *Mission Field* has been issued monthly, as usual. The editor, Rev. Mr. Mason, in his report to the Boards, says of this magazine: "During the past year, illustrations have been freely used, original matter solicited and employed, and everything done that lay within the power of the editors to make the magazine useful and attractive; and we are not without evidence that it is a welcome and useful visitor to hundreds in our Church.

"Nevertheless, it must be confessed that the circulation of the magazine is by no means proportionate to either the needs or ability of our people. When only one in thirty members, and one in fourteen families of our English-speaking congregations regularly receive our missionary magazine, we can hardly be satisfied with the showing.

"Every effort has been made to increase the circulation; pastors, women's auxiliaries, C. E. societies, have

all been appealed to—not once only, but often ; premiums have been offered, and rates cut to the lowest figure ; but all in vain. The circulation obstinately remains at about the figure it reached within a year of the first publication of the magazine under the present management, and still stands at less than 3,000 per month.”

The Domestic Board's share of the cost of the publication of the *Mission Field* the past year was \$648.37.

The Day Star, our one Sunday School missionary paper, continues to enjoy a fair share of the patronage of our schools, its circulation being about 11,250 per month. The editor says : “ The same means were employed to increase its circulation as in the case of the *Mission Field*, but with about the same results. The subscription list of the *Day Star* still pays the ordinary expense of its publication.”

DEPARTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

This continues under the faithful and efficient management of Rev. A. De W. Mason, and has been steadily prosecuted among the C. E. Societies and Sunday Schools the past year.

Mr. Mason has visited many societies and schools, East and West, gathering societies into the membership of the Christian Endeavor Missionary League, addressing Christian Endeavor and Sunday School Conventions, and by personal correspondence and circular letters has constantly sought to stimulate our young people to an interest in Missions. His work has been all done under the direction of the two Mission Boards, and the work itself and its moderate cost are appreciated and valued by the Boards.

Of results, Mr. Mason says in his report : “ The work among our young people being largely educational is, from its very nature, slow in development, and the results not at once so marked as might be desired. But gradually interest is being aroused, plans of systematic giving are adopted, and the coming generation is being fitted for a wider knowledge of the need and value of the work of evangelization, and a more personal participation in it.”

It is pleasant to note, in connection with this department, that the student volunteers who are to engage in the "Summer Campaign" for Foreign Missions have, without solicitation, offered to co-operate with the Christian Endeavor Missionary League, and in Sunday School work in behalf of Home as well as Foreign Missions. This offer has been gladly accepted, and many Churches, Sunday Schools and Societies will be visited by these student volunteers during their Summer vacation, and our young people urged to join the League for aggressive missionary work, and to aid in the larger circulation of our missionary periodicals.

PETITIONS TO CONGRESS,

The Board, in December last, united with the Home Mission Boards of other religious denominations in petitioning the Congress of the United States on two important subjects, viz.:

First. Against government appropriations for sectarian purposes, and especially against the continuance of government support of Roman Catholic schools among the American Indians.

Second. Against the seating of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, an avowed polygamist, as a member of the Fifty-sixth Congress, or if his election be held to be legally valid, that he be expelled.

The Boards uniting in these petitions, besides our own, were those of the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Copies of the above mentioned petitions are submitted with this report.

DOMESTIC MISSION DAY.

Heretofore the annual day of prayer for missions included the interests of both the Foreign and Domestic Boards. Last year for the first time General Synod directed that the Domestic work have a day of prayer for its own, and named the fourth Sabbath in February to be set apart by all our churches for prayer for our country and for Domestic Missions, and requested that so far as

may be sermons be preached on the subject and special offerings be made for the use of the Board. The Board heartily seconded the action of Synod by a letter to every pastor. From responses received, the intention to observe the day seems to have been quite general, but unfortunately a far-reaching storm and, in most places, especially in the West, almost impassable roads, made attendance at divine service very small on that day, and tangible results were in proportion. The Board suggests the appointment of a Domestic Mission Day for this year also.

CONCLUSION.

The possibilities for Christian work in our beloved country seem to multiply each year. The marvelous events of the past year are, beyond question, the Divine Hand leading, and the Divine Voice commanding us to accept possibilities for the betterment of other lands than our own. May our country and the Church rise to these possibilities and make them certainties for the evangelization of the world. With this wish and prayer we submit the report of another year's service for the Kingdom, thankful for even a small part in it ; and we commend its future extension in our land and all lands to the blessing of God, and to the sympathy and prayers and large liberality of the Churches.

The terms of office of the following named members of the Board will expire at the time of the meeting of General Synod in June, 1899.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, D.D.,	Rev. Wm. J. Harsha, D.D.
“ Alfred H. Brush, D.D.,	“ Herman Vanderwart.
“ Wm. H. Vroom, D.D.,	Mr. Nelson Jacobus.
“ David J. Burrell, D.D.,	“ Hamilton V. Meeks.

Adopted by the Board, May 15, 1898, and ordered to be printed and submitted to General Synod.

CHAS. H. POOL,
Cor. Secretary.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

EASTERN CHURCHES.

May, 1898—Rev. W. Lubach resigned Palmyra, N. Y., to become pastor at Wortendyke, N. J., and was succeeded at Palmyra and Ontario by Rev. G. Flikkema.

May, 1898—Rev. Wm. Johnson exchanged 2nd Lodi, N. J., for Hawthorne and N. Paterson, N. J.

June, 1898—Rev. H.B. Allen took charge of Easton, N. Y., and the following Oct. removed to Annandale, N. J., which had become vacant by the resignation of Rev. A. L. Mershon in July.

June, 1898—Rev. J. H. Van Doren, pastor at Bath-on-Hudson, died and was succeeded by Rev. A. W. Hopper of Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., in April, 1899.

June, 1898—Rev. Chas. W. Gulick became first pastor of the new Church at Montclair Heights, N. J.

Sept., 1898—Rev. J. Perry Beaver became first pastor of the new Church at Buffalo, N. Y.

Nov., 1898—Rev. F. W. Ruhl resigned charge at Grahamsville, N. Y.

Nov., 1898—Rev. F. A. Force resigned Owasco Outlet, N. Y.

Dec., 1898—Rev. C. S. Wyckoff resigned South Philadelphia, and was succeeded by Rev. I. L. Kip in Feb., '99.

Jan., 1899—Rev. Henry Miller, pastor of 4th Church of Albany, died and has been succeeded by Rev. F. Mueller.

WESTERN CHURCHES.

May, 1898—Rev. John W. Poot exchanged Gano, Chicago, for the Fourth Church of Pella, Ia., and was succeeded at Gano in August by Rev. P. Bouma.

May, 1898—Rev. A. Zwemer resigned the charge of Spring Lake, Mich., to retire from the active pastorate because of age, and was succeeded in July by Rev. Benj. Hoffman.

May, 1898—Rev. J. J. Dragt left Muscatine, Ia., to take charge at Rotterdam, Kan., succeeding Rev. E. Westing at the latter place.

May, 1898—Rev. T. W. Muilenburg exchanged Seventh Grand Rapids for First Grand Haven, Michigan, and Rev. Jas. F. Zwemer was called to the former charge in August following.

June, 1898—Rev. H. Frieling took charge of Three Oaks, Michigan.

July, 1898—Rev. J. Lamar removed from Bethany, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Second, Rochester, N. Y., and was succeeded at Grand Rapids in September by Rev. James Ossewaarde.

July, 1898—Rev. W. S. Gruys became pastor of Bethany Church, at Sully, Ia.

July, 1898—Rev. H. Dykhuizen took the combined charges of Le Mars and Sheldon, Ia.

Aug., 1898—Rev. P. De Pree, D.D., became pastor of Sixth, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Aug., 1898—Rev. John Englesman became the first pastor at Randolph Centre, Wis.

Aug., 1898—Rev. D. De Groot relinquished the combined charges of Bethel and Otley, Ia.

Sept., 1898—Rev. J. F. Heemstra was called and settled at Bon Homme, S. Dak.

Oct., 1898—Rev. F. J. Zwemer took the combined charges of Sheboygan Falls and Hingham, Wis.

Nov., 1898—Rev. S. Venema resigned the combined charges of Falmouth, Moddersville and Vogel Center, Mich.

Nov., 1898—Rev. Wm. Wolvins exchanged East Overisel, Mich., for Boyden, Ia., Rev. Jacob Poppen succeeding him at the former place.

Nov., 1898—Rev. J. T. Grootenhuis was called to be first pastor at Morrison, Ill.

Nov., 1898—Rev. C. Heines called from Lafayette, Ind., to Danforth, Ill.

Jan., 1899—Rev. J. Hueneman resigned the charges of Ramsay and Buffalo Center, Ia.



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The BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN S. BUSSING, Treasurer.

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April 30, 1899.

By Contributions as follows :

From Churches.....	\$29,350 73	
" Sunday Schools.....	6,011 75	
" Individuals.....	12,110 75	
" Ladies' Auxiliaries.....	533 95	
" Anonymous.....	56 10	
	<hr/>	\$48,063 28

From Women's Executive Committee :

For Missionaries Salaries.....	\$2,800 00	
Classical Missionaries.....	2,500 00	
Student Missionaries 1899-1900..	3,000 00	
W. E. C. Trust Fund Account, legacies and Interest.....	698 64	
	<hr/>	8,989 64

By Legacies, viz.:

Jacob Golzenboom.....	250 00	
Susan Elliott.....	520 13	
Sarah Bayley.....	375 00	
Gertrude Vanderberg.....	1,000 00	
Ruth H. Woolsey.....	100 00	
Eleanor Myer.....	805 17	
Andrew J. Schaefer.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	3,200 30

By Interest on Legacies held in Trust, viz.:

Graham Memorial.....	667 81	
Milledoller Memorial.....	667 81	
Blauvelt Memorial.....	25 00	
Brownlee Memorial.....	50 00	
Elsie Manton.....	20 00	
Rachel A Ryerson.....	85 05	
Rev. J. Vanderveer ...	40 38	
Jane H. Elmendorf.....	40 51	
John Antonides.....	79 28	
Family of late Goyn Talmage, D.D.....	10 72	
	<hr/>	1,686 56

By interest on balances in Trust Co.....	131 49
By rents Remsen property.....	94 13
By designated cash given last year by Women's Executive Committee for Student Missionary salaries 1898-1899.....	1,700 00
April 30, 1899, by balance (amount borrowed)..	3,376 27

\$67,192 16

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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Balance April 30, 1898.....		\$4,947 05
April 30, 1899.		
To payments as follows :		
Missionaries and Pastors salaries.....	\$45,137 89	
Student Missionaries salaries.....	2,768 69	
	<hr/>	47,906 56
To First Reformed Church, Yonkers, Interest..		2,342 00
Missionaries travelling expenses.....	59 50	
" supplies, travelling expenses..	75 00	
Field Secretary, travelling expenses.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	334 50
To Board's proportion for publication of the Mission Field, May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899.....	648 37	
Printing annual reports.....	182 60	
Printing leaflets.....	32 75	
Printing 4,000 booklets.....	49 44	
Sundries.....	32 20	
	<hr/>	945 36
Office expenses, rent, and care of offices.....	1,130 93	
Postage, stationery and printing.....	414 25	
Sundries.....	225 47	
	<hr/>	1,770 65
Corresponding Secretary.....	2,400 00	
Field Secretary.....	2,400 00	
	<hr/>	4,800 00
Treasurer's expenses, Clerk, &c.....		200 00
Designated cash held for Student Mission- aries salaries for 1899-1900.....		3,000 00
Women's Executive Committee Trust Fund.		689 64
Andrew J. Schaefer legacy held in trust.....		150 00
Interest on Women's Executive Committee Trust Fund to April 30, 1899.....		106 40
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		<u>\$67,192 16</u>

JOHN S. BUSSING, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct, May 24, 1899.

CORNELIUS BRETT,
WILLIAM N. CLARK, } *Auditing Committee.*
EDMUND B. HORTON, }

The CHURCH BUILDING FUND of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN S. BUSSING, Treasurer.

CR.

May 1, 1898.

By Balance (mostly designated)..... \$4,947 29

April 30, 1899.

By contributions as follows :

From Churches.....	\$3,664 34
" Sunday Schools.....	603 19
" Church Builders.....	367 48
" Christian Endeavor Societies.....	1,883 42
" Individuals.....	378 50
" Ladies' Auxiliaries	15 00

6,911 93

By appropriations received from Women's Executive Committee, viz.:

For Churches, viz.:

Galesburg, Iowa	400 00
Cromwell Centre, Iowa.....	100 00
Davis, South Dakota.....	500 00

1,000 00

For Parsonages, viz.:

Springfield, South Dakota.....	200 00
Bonhomme, South Dakota.....	225 00
South Kalamazo, Michigan.....	150 00
Randolph, Michigan.....	350 00
Morrison, Illinois.....	400 00
Van Raalte, South Dakota.....	186 00
Monroe, South Dakota	350 00

1,861 00

By Sale of Churches, viz.:

Rennsellaer, New York.....	318 00
Fynant, Michigan.....	400 00

718 00

By Rents, viz.:

Parsonage, Norris, Illinois.....	88 00
Bedford Church, Brooklyn.....	450 00
Centerville, South Dakota.....	60 00
East Saugatuck, Michigan.....	20 00

618 00

By Legacy of J. Golzenboom.....

50 00

By South Bend, Indiana, Chapel, in trust.....

1,940 50

By Designated Gifts Women's Executive Committee, 1898-1899.....

2,450 00

\$20,496 72

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April 30, 1899.

To Payments as follows :

To Churches, viz.:

Galesburg, Iowa.....	\$400 00	
Sunny Side, Long Island City.....	1,000 00	
Hamilton, Michigan.....	1,000 00	
Davis, South Dakota.....	500 00	
Cromwell Centre, Iowa.....	100 00	
Buffalo, New York	3,500 00	
Van Raalte, South Dakota.....	286 00	
Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.....	2,000 00	
Glen Rock, New Jersey.....	800 00	
Fourth Kalamazo, Michigan.....	800 00	
Leighton, Iowa.....	500 00	
Little Rock, Iowa.....	800 00	
North Sibley, Iowa.....	500 00	
Monroe, South Dakota.....	450 00	
East New York, N. Y.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,646 00

To Parsonages :

Atwood, Michigan.....	600 00	
Fourth Holland, Michigan.....	850 00	
Springfield, South Dakota.....	200 00	
Bonhomme, South Dakota.....	225 00	
Fourth Kalamazo, Michigan.....	150 00	
Randolph Center, Michigan.....	350 00	
Morrison, Illinois.....	400 00	
	<hr/>	2,775 00

To Interest on Bonds and Mortgages on
Chuches, viz.:

Gardiner, New York.....	60 00	
First Grand Rapids, Michigan.....	150 00	
Highland Park, New Jersey.....	160 00	
German, East New York.....	150 00	
Ocean Hill, Brooklyn, New York.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	720 00

To Treasurer's Expenses—Clerk.....		100 00
“ Repairs on property, Taxes and Insurance..		202 22
“ Balance on hand, in Trust.....	1,940 50	
“ “ “ “ Cash.....	2,113 00	
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\$20,496 72

April, 30, 1899.

JOHN S. BUSSING,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, May 24, 1899.

CORNELIUS BRETT,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
WILLIAM N. CLARK,		
EDMUND B. HORTON,		

“ GRAHAM MEMORIAL FUND.”

THE CORNELIA GRAHAM LEGACY “is to be a perpetual fund for spreading the Gospel ; the principal is to be invested, and the income is to be applied solely to Missionary purposes in the Western States and Territories of the United States.”

Amount of this fund invested in bonds secured by mortgage	
April 30, 1899.....	\$12,500 00
On deposit in United States Trust Company.....	1,712 50
Total on hand, April 30, 1899.....	\$14,212 50

“ MILLEDOLLAR MEMORIAL FUND.”

THE CORNELIA GRAHAM LEGACY “is to be a perpetual fund for spreading the Gospel ; the principal is to be invested, and the income is to be applied solely to Missionary purposes in the Western States and Territories of the United States.”

Amount of this Fund invested in bonds secured by mortgage,	
April 30, 1899.....	\$12,500 00
On deposit in the United States Trust Company.....	1,712 50
Total on hand April 30, 1899.....	\$14,212 50

“ THE GARETT J. BLAUVELT LEGACY.”

“ The income shall be applied to the work of the Board of Domestic Missions.”

On deposit in United States Trust Company, April 30, 1899..	\$1,000 00
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“ KATHARINE B. BROWNLEE MEMORIAL.”

On deposit in United States Trust Company, April 30, 1899..	\$2,000 00
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“ THE ANDREW J. SCHAEFER LEGACY.”

“ The income only to be used by the Board.”

April 30, 1899, on deposit in Union Trust Co.....	\$150 00
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“ THE CONTINGENT FUND.”

Amount set apart as Contingent Fund.....	\$10,000 00
April 30, 1899, Loaning to Domestic Mission account.....	3,326 76
On deposit in Union Trust Co., April 30, 1899.....	\$6,673 24

HELD IN TRUST FOR W. E. C.

Four shares, Newark Banking Co.	
Legacies and interest to date in Union Trust Co., April 30, 1899	\$2,850 00

TABULAR STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

These tables include all gifts for the different departments, except where the giver, or church connection of the giver, or both, are unknown.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'l's.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies		
Classis of Albany.								
First, Albany.....	\$ 508 25			\$76 18			\$ 272 98	\$ 850 43
Madison Avenue.....	579 60		\$50	335			246 32	1410 83
Third, Albany.....	6 19							6 19
Fourth, Albany.....	25			5				40
Holland, Albany.....	6	25					28 50	64 50
Sixth Albany.....	7 73						10 13	17 86
First, Bethlehem.....	23 50			5			34	63 50
Second, Bethlehem.....	28	40		10			21 91	99 81
Second, Berne.....	1 80			60				3 40
Knox.....	4 19			65			11 25	16 09
Clarksville.....							18 50	18 50
Coeymans.....	30			3 84			9 30	49 14
Jerusalem.....	11 53	4 31		3 06		5 64	25 25	48 68
New Salem.....								
Onesquehew.....								
New Baltimore.....	20 57		85				20 55	66 12
Union.....	1 70			1				2 70
Westerlo.....			1					1
Classis of Bergen								
First, Hackensack.....	115 28	35	110	39 85	4 97	10	105 10	420 20
Schraalenburgh.....	51 41	20	17	17 69			57 70	103 80
English Neighborhood.....	10 63			6 50			28 82	45 97
New Durham.....	157 22				36	10	112 50	303 73
First, Hoboken.....	14						15	12
North Bergen.....	33							47
Second, Hackensack.....	435 08	59 90					323 09	817 02
German Evang, Hoboken.....	13						5	18
Third, Hackensack.....	2 07							2 07
Closter.....	22 30	5					18 84	46 14
Palisades.....	36 67				16 19	25 79	13	80 85
Guttenberg.....	5	6				8	10	23
Central Ave., Jersey City.....	30				7		2 50	39 50
Cherry Hill.....	5 16	12 43			9 23	24	27 85	79 78
Secaucus.....								
Spring Valley, N. J.....	2 70			1 43			8 27	18 40
Westwood.....	41 92	20 02				12 38		74 53
Oradell.....	27 10	12 34				10	37 89	77 21
Hasbrouck Heights.....	1			1				2
West Hoboken Chapel.....	13 59	20			50			85 60

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools	Indiv's	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.		
South Classes of Bergen.								
Bergen.....	142 73	37 46		77 23		4 50	121 43	405 39
First, Bayonne.....	22 03			12 20		10	40	84 23
Wayne St., Jersey City.....	120 09	39 16		6 29	16	16 77	94 57	268 87
Park, Jersey City.....	34 07			20 17				54 24
Bergen Point.....	75	50		3			23 33	171 23
Second, Hudson City.....	12 21							12 21
Lafayette.....	23 08	26		17 96		19 57	58 10	120 61
Greenville.....	22 49	3 21					15	40 70
Free, Jersey City.....	12							12
Third, Bayonne.....		7			2			9
First, German Evang., Jersey City.....								
St. John's, German Evang. "								
Classes of Dakota.								
Charles Mix.....	11 50							11 50
Davis.....								
Grand View.....							18	18
First, Harrison.....	49 53			10 21			29 09	120 83
Hope.....	19 80	3 44	5				24 78	51 27
Immanuel.....	5						5	10
First, Lennox.....	12							12
Second, Lennox.....	23			10			16 38	51 29
Delaware.....	6			5				12
Orange City.....	24 13	24				3 37	49	120 84
Salem.....	6			3				9
Bandham Memorial.....							10	10
Scotland.....	8 09							8 09
Sioux Falls.....		50					7 55	57 55
Vandenberg.....	25						18	37
Wakonda.....								
Yankton.....	7 08						2 83	10 91
Van Raaite.....							25	25
Wormser City.....								
Classes of Grand River.								
Atwood.....	11						20	31
Coopersville.....	6 20	20					13 37	40 07
Detroit.....	56 03	25						61 03
Falmouth.....								
Fremont.....	7 70	3 40	5			2 50	11	90 60
First, Grand Haven.....	37	50 47	25				23 94	135 21
Second, Grand Rapids.....	12 54	47 44					59 98	119 94
Third, ".....								
Fourth, ".....	28 76	15 34		11		4	36 57	95 67
Fifth, ".....								
Oakdale Park.....	17 42	3 50					5	20 92
Seventh, Grand Rapids.....	32 56	47 71						80 27
Eighth, ".....	9 70	24						33 70
Ninth, ".....	17			4 25		1	1	22 25
Grandville, ".....	11	18 10					7	29
First, Kalamazoo.....	37 76	20 98			15 86		20	84 55
Third, ".....	10						30	40
Fourth, ".....		13 25					4 10	17 35
Modderaville, ".....	3 53							3 53
First, Muskegon.....	18 22			10		10	48 40	66 62
New Era.....	13 50		10					23 50
Rehoboth.....	5							5
South Haven.....	45							45
Spring Lake.....	22	9 80					4 39	36 19
Twin Lakes.....	47	11						58
Vogel Center.....	8 81							8 81
Moorland Mission.....	7 70							7 70
Allegan.....	4 02							4 02
Cadillac.....	1 10							1 10

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools	Indiv. ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Greene.								
First, Athens.....	117 80	15		4			17 88	154 13
Second, ".....								
Catskill.....	206 94	68 18			12	25	207 78	517 88
First, Coxsackia.....	40 49	7 50		10 50		10	2 56	70 86
Second, ".....	159 71	18 80	300	10 30		12 19	98	516 10
Kiskatom.....	20 80	5 98	5	4 50		5	6 25	47 88
Leeds.....	9 88			5 19			22 40	59 38
Classis of Holland.								
Beaverdam.....		19 96		14 87			20 18	55 01
Second, Cleveland.....	28 15	21 43			10		13	79 67
East Overisel.....	6 40						6 32	12 72
Ebenezer.....	12 34	10 10	5	3			10 68	40 97
Graafschap.....	32 50						11 68	44 18
Hamilton.....	7 17			4			10 90	22 07
First, Holland.....	19 42	37 48						56 90
Third, ".....	26 78	65 90				5	61 44	160 13
Fourth, ".....	19 08						10	29 08
First, Jamestown.....	21 96	88			5 04			116 02
Second, ".....	15 39				1 84			14 73
North Holland.....	19 17	86	6	12 30		5	11	88 47
Overisel.....	23 62		10			12 00	64 70	160 92
South Bendon.....	3 75	31 50	2 50				14	51 75
Three Oaks.....	3 25							3 25
Vriesland.....	36 75	45	25				42	150 75
Zeeland.....	75	202 49		25		25	155	488 49
Lake Shore Mission.....	50							50
Eggleston Mission.....								
Classis of Hudson.								
First, Claverack.....	26 35	5 29		9 49		15	84 19	141 23
Gallatin.....	14 49			1 50			2 74	18 73
Germanstown.....	37 48	4 71		10 89			17 93	60 71
Greenport.....	20 29	3 25					25	48 74
Hudson.....	174 66	54 54		39 85			85 08	354 13
Lindlibgo.....	10						22 80	32 80
Livingston at Lindlibgo.....	10 15							10 15
Mellenville.....	18	7 38		11			12 17	49 53
Philmont.....	159 60	22 02		20 40		15	65 55	283 47
Upper Red Hook.....		3 15					50	53 15
West Copake.....	24 30					15	20	59 59
Classis of Illinois.								
Bethany.....								
Bethlehem.....	8 50							8 50
Bethlehem.....								
Ebenezer.....	16 02	2 72					2 50	21 54
Fairview.....	27 71	13 75		4 53		5		51
Galesburg.....	4 90							4 90
Havana.....								
Irving Park.....	52 10		10		20	15	51 85	144 05
Manitou.....	14 06							14 06
Northwestern.....	53 50				10 90		8 60	72 80
Norwood Park.....	11	6						17
Otley.....								
First, Pekin.....	8							8
Second, Pekin.....	20 10						12	32 10
Second, Pella.....	10 75			7 86	7 90		37 05	64 66
Raritan.....	53 64	12 15				8 67	5	70 46
Spring Lake, Ill.....	13 90	5				2		20 90
Trinity.....	21	25				17 50	12	56 50
Wesley Mission.....	1							1
Prairie City Mission.....	3 50							3 50

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.		
Classes of Iowa.								
Alton.....	130	3 73	4	25		5	29 98	108 70
Bethel.....	19 50					6 61	11 20	37 31
Boyd.....	47 70	96 59					5	79 89
Carmel.....	32 02							32 02
Churchville.....	18			3				18
Clara City.....							4	4
Fifth.....	8			3 50				9 50
Free Grace.....	7							7
Freeland.....								
Holland.....	178 65			13 26				188 91
Hospers.....	18							18
Hull.....	44 50			10				54 50
La Mar.....	21 84							21 84
Lector.....	27			3 22			31	63 22
Maple Lake.....					3 28	5	26 65	10 93
Maurice.....	41 29	15		3			26	97 29
Muscatine.....	11 50			1 50				13
Newkirk.....	49 69	37 75		21 25	7		57 65	173 45
First, Orange City.....	78 90	12 05		27		3 28	55	174 98
First, Pella.....	43						26 25	69 25
Third.....	14			8 70				22 70
Fourth.....	6 50			2				8 50
Pella, Neb.....	13 18			2 12				15 30
Rock Valley.....	18 28						20	38 28
Roseland.....	16 40							16 40
Rotterdam.....	13 65			2 20				16 15
Sheldon.....	10							10
Silver Creek.....	3 80	3 65					6 75	14
Sioux Center.....	133 22	50 37		20			78 71	281 30
Classes of Kingston								
Bloomington.....							19	19
The Clove.....	25 54	13 03		5 96	13 91	14 61	57 60	130 65
Dashville Falls.....	2							2
Gardiner.....							20 50	20 50
Gulford.....	7		5			2 55	17	31 35
Hurley.....	68	8 80				7 25	2	86 05
Kingston, Fair St.....	35 30	30				1	14	101 30
Krumville.....	7 50							7 50
Lyonville.....	1 25							1 25
Marbletown.....	9 51			3 41			12	25 32
" North.....	1			1			11	14
New Paltz.....	104 21			11 44	18 14	20	77 70	225 49
Rochester.....	23 60	10	1	7 31	2 50	6		49 50
Rosenda's.....	3 50							3 50
Rosendale Plains.....	3							3
St. Remy.....		5				3 76		8 76
North Classes of Long Island								
Jamaica.....	63 76			14 04			123 76	201 16
Newtown.....	20 17			13 35	7 84	15	20	76 36
Oyster Bay.....	19 04	10 43				12 50	22	63 97
North Hempstead.....	4			2 13	5 70			11 83
Williamsburg.....	50 93		50				25	125 93
Astoria.....	20	28 11		12 50			86	146 61
Flushing.....	130 22	78 55		20		37 50	97 60	290 97
Kent St., Brooklyn.....	31 52			12 02		10 50	15	69 04
South Brooklyn.....	40						76	116
Second, Astoria.....	18	0		10	6		20	61
East Williamsburg.....								
Queens.....	22 31	15		5			48 75	89 04
German Evang., Brooklyn.....	5			2				7

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			Per W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies.		
North Classes of Long Island.								
(CONTINUED.)								
Bayville.....	7 85	9 08		6				22 28
Locust Valley.....	9 24			2 14		2 50	12 42	19 30
College Point.....	30 43			12 19		11 98	3	53 58
First, Long Island City.....	6	8 27				5	5 40	24 27
Bushwick.....								
German Evang., Jamaica.....	10			5				15
Hicksville.....		1 50						1 50
Second, Newtown.....	7 30							7 30
Steinway.....	240					9	25 50	284 50
Church of Jesus, Brooklyn.....	6			2				9
New Hyde Park.....	8 24							8 24
Sunnyside, Long Island City.....	10 25	6						16 25
South Classes of Long Island.								
First, Brooklyn.....	400 54						294 14	694 78
First, Flatbush.....	299 50	322 40		29 40			118 55	1039 85
Grace Chapel.....	22					10	10	42
New Utrecht.....	500	132 50	20			25	251 50	230
Gravesend.....	44	48 09		19 30		8	141 01	255 40
Flatlands.....	36 27	65		9 27	7	20	71	210 24
New Lots.....	24 22	15	50	100		10 10		190 22
East New York.....	44 28	5				15	22	118 26
South, Brooklyn.....	23 65			10 28	22 51	5	22	108 42
Twelfth St., Brooklyn.....	44 29	25		7 63		5	26	117 22
North, Brooklyn.....		3 65					10	13 55
Heights, Brooklyn.....	227 64			55 56			271 02	714 42
Bethany Chapel.....	25			25		5	26	61
New Brooklyn.....	25			4				29
Second, Flatbush.....	8							8
Canarsie.....	16			4				20
Bedford.....								
St. Thomas, W. I.....								
Ocean Hill.....	10							10
Edgewood.....								
Edgewood.....	5							5
Greenwood Heights.....	37 25				5		5	47 25
Bay Ridge.....	49 47			21 02	9		48	127 48
German-American, Brooklyn.....								
Classes of Michigan.								
Bethany, Grand Rapids.....	15 43	41 56				5	36 50	98 61
Britton.....	5				5 50	1		12 50
Centerville.....							7	12 16
Constantine.....	5 16							1 35
De Spelder.....	1 35							
Grace, Grand Rapids.....	25 75	2 65						26 40
Second, Grand Haven.....	42 22	30		12 22			8 84	99 04
First, Grand Rapids.....	29 34						7 50	46 74
Hope, Holland.....	27 29	22 25	25	10 17			140 32	256 07
Second, Kalamazoo.....	22 12	12 45				15	41 99	127 55
Macon.....	1 50					2	5	6 50
Second, Muskegon.....	5	22 23					15	52 23
South Bend.....	14 17	4 44						18 55
South Macon.....	8							8
Classes of Monmouth.								
First, Freehold.....	8 91			4 66		8 33	20 55	42 45
Holmdel.....	65	27 72			12 12	6 58	27 50	134 99
Middletown.....	17 75	4 73		2 60	5 66	5	15 95	51 71

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. K. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. K. Societies.		
Classes of Monmouth.								
(CONTINUED)								
Second, Freehold.....	107 92	50 06		26 26	13 55	45 50	40 37	294 26
Keyport.....	10							10
Long Branch.....	5	11 45		5		1 53	7	29 94
Colts Neck.....	22 78			3			17 30	40 08
Highlands.....								
Asbury Park.....	35	9		5				44
Classes of Montgomery.								
First, Amsterdam.....	36 26	19 57		9	6 32		42 28	104 35
Trinity, ".....	27 63							27 63
Anteeville.....	10						9	19
Buffalo.....		11 53						11 53
Canajoharie.....	38 23			7 32			14	55 15
Cicero.....	6 16							6 16
Columbia.....	5							5
Cranesville.....								
Currytown.....	22	70		5	5	5	12	109
Ephratah.....								
Florida.....	10						6 50	16 50
Fonda.....	72 75			12 14		10	40 45	125 34
Fort Herkimer.....								
Fort Plain.....	33 47			40 06		6 75	30	119 28
Fultonville.....	10	21 41		7	15	10	32 17	106 13
Glen.....	14 94			6 08				21 02
Hagaman.....	10 13	2 12				10	6	28 25
Herkimer.....	35 56			12 20	21 54	12 12	27 30	114 22
Johnstown.....	7	4		5		11 55	11 35	38 11
Manheim.....								
Mapletown.....	9 53			3 53				13 06
Monawk.....							10	10
Naumburg.....	32 50							32 50
Owasco.....	12 58							12 58
Owasco Outlet.....	28 34					5	10	43 39
Point Rock.....								
St. Johnsville.....	11 15					4 50	37	52 65
Sparks.....	3 06	2					5	10 08
Stone Arabia.....	2 50			9 20				11 70
First, Syracuse.....	154 65			14 14	50	25 68	50	244 97
Second, ".....	5			2		5 15		12 15
Thousand Islands.....	5					2 50	16 30	23 35
Utica.....	21 72	6 11		41			45 50	120 23
West Leyden.....	33						10	43
Classes of Newark								
Belleville.....	29 57	13 99				10	32 83	86 39
First, Newark.....	46 50							46 50
Irrington.....		10 62				11 75	12	22 37
New York Ave., Newark.....	10	13 40			10	22 28	76 07	121 75
Franklin.....	82 71	3		3 58			35 54	122 26
North, Newark.....	1579 50	133 49		50			797 24	2560 23
West, Newark.....								
Clinton Ave., Newark.....	327 35	23		24 56	28 77	20	351 50	772 05
Trinity, Newark.....	2 03	27 06		3 95		5	10	40 04
Linden.....		7 63						7 63
Woodside, Newark.....		3 37						3 37
Stone House Plains.....	31 70	6 50			4	4 89	22 35	70 34
Orange.....	186 09						40	186 09
Trinity, Plainfield.....	247 25	52		24 88		8 34	63 55	433 02
German, ".....	12			10				22
Montclair Heights.....	8 43			5 61		6		20 04

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PLACES AND CATEGORIES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
of N. Brunswick.								
Brunswick	164 87			108 28		30	267 74	680 68
ark	221 44			9 81	2 32	7 85	64 23	326 68
gh	31 85						69 77	91 63
h	77 73	10 54		15 43	4 31		6	116
n	14 65			1 25	10 02		23 60	54 63
ok	6 29					8 90	26	35 19
ew Brunswick	78			68		13 50	300 74	264 24
w Brunswick	4 63				7 71		5	5
tone	67 63			11 68			18 67	31 01
New Brunswick	88 19	24 17					18	97 14
ark	7 50						30 02	137 38
		1 31					26	35 60
								1 31
le of New York.								
corial	4466 07	183 40		461 51	44 48	4 25	2647 86	7787 59
Chapel	127 31	70		15		15 56	4 10	231 91
legiate	461 80		3	107 43		37 25	723 30	1342 67
w York City	403 07						124	527 07
pal	25	80				5	15	75
ound	26 20	100	5	9 25		37 63	108	226 77
ale								
ve	1766 56			100		13 25	618 70	2425 71
pelical Mission	60	20		40			120	
	25			2			27	
		26 83				10	6 50	43 33
gh Bridge	216 08	5 22		29 49		14 05	44 18	309 73
man, New York City	19	91 17				22		122 17
hill								
leights	23 51	28		13 18		21 30	25 25	118 23
ille								
	10	88					3	51
Orange	31					12	88 07	120 67
	7 07			2 55		2 51	1 50	18 64
	56 24			12 22		3 12	177	248 68
							4	4
	8 47							8 47
th St.	35	80		10			25	120
ins of Orange.								
	18			10			6 50	21 50
argh	8			6			13 41	27 41
	5							5
	10							10
ville	6 25							5 25
	106	25	15	60 34		5	28 26	249 50
	26 21	3 83		3 50		15	26 02	66 61
	12	6		13		6 30	16 76	63 06
lle	4					2 21	11 49	17 60
in						1		1
lg.								
	2 50							2 50
ry	110 13			10 13			28 26	146 63
	15 10	19 53				5	17	56 63
ry	12 53							12 53
ect	33 56	7 75				11 07	68	114 57
rt Jervis	3			3				6
rk	15 67			4 10	30		3 10	22 88

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			Ch. Building Fund.			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools	Indiv'ls.	Churches	Sunday Schools	C. E. Societies		
Classis of Orange.								
(CONTINUED.)								
Unionville.....								
Walden.....	130 23			14 86			46	200 55
Walkill Valley.....				18 50		17 51	25 65	61 66
Upper Walpack.....						8 41		8 41
Lower ".....	8 13							8 13
Wawarsing.....	1 50						5	6 43
Classis of Paramus.								
Acquanackonck.....	148 86	81 82		18 27			160	308 95
Centerville.....	12 50					5 06		17 56
Clarkstown.....	39 44		20	5 56	4 70	8 10	4 10	70 86
Clifton.....	7			2 55				9 55
Garfield.....	6 02			3 19				9 21
Glen Rock.....	9 58							9 58
Hawthorne.....	7	5						12
Lodi, First.....	10			5				15
" Second.....	23 81			3				26 81
Nyack.....	110 40	53 76	5	36 71			308 69	484 92
Paramus.....	62 63	5 87	50		10 70		9 12	137 65
Pascack.....	22 34		100			8 51	19 62	150 97
Pascack, First Holland.....		18						18
" North.....	181 04	60				31 06	110 45	373 55
Paterson, Broadway.....	93 26			2 15	5 96		70 50	177 87
" First Holland.....								
" North.....	7							7
" Second.....	21 51	12 60		18 96	69 97		40	158 14
Piermont.....		20 88				6	46 50	75 38
Ramapo.....	7	5 49				7 50		19 99
Ramapo.....								
Rudgewood.....	44 52	10				27 50	45	127 02
Saddle River.....	12 36	3						14 39
Spring Valley, N. Y.....	10 10						48 07	58 17
Tappan.....	5			8 71			40 89	49 60
Warwick.....	147 05	51 65		49 82		25	40 64	218 56
West New Hempstead.....	18 80	4 29					20 50	43 39
Wortendyke.....	5 70							5 70
Classis of Passaic.								
Boonton.....	86 31	7 50			4 55	11 25	29	109 71
Fairfield.....		15					10	15
First, Little Falls.....	6 80					6	36	42 80
Second, ".....	15							15
Montville.....	7 23							7 23
People's Park, Paterson.....	18							18
Pompton.....	83 03	80		16 10		13 65	69 37	203 15
Pompton Plains.....	125 16	31 07				10	23 66	194 89
Ponds.....							20	20
Preakness.....	19 37	10				4 09		23 46
Riverside, Paterson.....	96 47	15 58				5	8 10	112 15
Sixth Holland, Paterson.....	34	23		10				67
First, Paterson.....	101 85	11 36		8		5	50	131 24
Union, Holland, Paterson.....	73 85	15		6		5		93 85
Wyckoff.....	22	5				1	10	37
Classis of Philadelphia.								
North and Southampton.....	96 18	23 61		5 64		12 57		138 36
Harlingen.....	11 41	6 28		5 50	4 63		50 60	81 82
Neabosc.....	20 72				2 51	10	53 75	95 98
First, Philadelphia.....	49 12	18 04		21 21		10	85 14	178 51
Second, ".....	21 63							21 63
Fourth, ".....	10							10

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	Domestic Missions.			On Building Fund			For W. E. C.	Total.
	Churches	Sunday Schools.	Lady's.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Philadelphia. (CONTINUED)								
Blawenburg.....	11 88	12 17					20 80	54 35
Stanton.....	17 91	5						22 91
Clover Hill.....	7		25					32
Rocky Hill.....	75 38	5			5	5	10	100 38
Fifth, Philadelphia.....		20			20			40
Addisville.....	115 50	15 60		4			8 90	144
Three Bridges.....	3 25			5 80	4 50			18 15
Talmadge Memorial.....	64 68							84 68
South, Philadelphia.....				1 74				1 74
Classis of Pleasant Prairie.								
Alexander.....	5 42			3 43				8 85
Applington.....	8 73			1 60				10 33
Baileyville.....	73			10	12 80			87 80
Baker.....	90 50						15	105 50
Bethel.....								
Buffalo Center.....	4 57							4 57
Cromwell Center.....							7 45	7 45
Ebenezer.....	59 50			14			10	78 50
Ellm.....	24 54	74		10				43 28
Forreston.....	95			10			57	162
Hope.....	19							19
Immanuel.....	30			17 18			10	57 18
Monroe, Ia.....	125 57			24 57			20	170 14
" S. D.....	9 73							9 73
North Sibley.....	13 51						12 02	25 53
Parkersburg.....	59 80	10		25			32	132 80
Peoria.....	16	4 09					9 75	22 08
Ramsay.....	11 75							11 75
Salem.....	30						10 35	40 35
Silver Creek.....	175 37						50	225 37
Wellsburg.....								
Washington.....	50					5		55
Zion.....	16 28						2 68	19 51
Sibley Mission.....	18 50						6 45	24 95
Classis of Poughkeepsie.								
First, Poughkeepsie.....	95 05			17 57			125 32	230 54
Second, ".....	178 40			33 65			123	335 05
Fishkill.....	24 80			12 84		8 25	39 65	97 79
Hopewell.....	10 70						41 70	59 40
New Hackensack.....	28 91			5	5		23 71	72 59
Rhinebeck.....	57 77	30					33 07	120 84
Fishkill Landing.....	98 78							98 78
Hyde Park.....	145	17 83				16	4	164 45
Glenham.....	8 25						10	19 25
Cold Spring.....	3							3
Millbrook.....	158 38	2 19	5			15	29	200 67
Classis of Raritan.								
First, Raritan.....	122 69	39 41		19 05		40	69	230 15
Readington.....	22 95	14 25		10 19		5	22	75 29
Bedminster.....	122 32	75 02		13 40	4 75	15	30 15	255 54
Lebanon.....	27 29	5 58						42 85
Rockaway.....	17						18 60	35 60
North Branch.....	27 47	13 36				16	58 54	140 67
Second, Raritan.....	167 91	69 26		20 80		30	37 48	285 45
Peapack.....	3 55					8 45		11
South Branch.....	52	8 26		6 50		10	30 50	127 26
Third, Raritan.....	91 91	22 43		10 90		7 04	58 50	250 78
Potterville.....	20 25	5						25 25
High Bridge.....	15					10		25
Annandale.....	31 25	3 50		2 22	2 19	2 50		41 66
Fourth Raritan.....	10			3				13

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	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv's.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	O. E. Societies.		
Classis of Hensselaer.								
Bath-on-Hudson.....	5 15	3 75	5		1 20		34 31	54 30
Blooming Grove.....	10 35	8		3 98		4 70	5 50	36 26
Castleton.....	6 38				6 48		5	17 78
Chatham.....	43			30		3	35	90
First, Ghent.....	11 42	18		4		1	34 75	54 17
Second, ".....	6 61	34		3 40			10 26	44 25
Greenbush.....	18	6 48				11 35	35	64 71
Kinderhook.....	169 90			45 37	19 55	10	55 53	394 28
Nassau.....	17 64	6	3	3 70			19 98	40 80
New Concord.....	10							10
Schodack.....	22 39			4 41			6	33 30
Schodack Landing.....	37 40					4 45	5	36 65
Stuyvesant.....	15 50					2	25 67	44 17
Stuyvesant Falls.....	8 11	3 23					11 50	16 54
Classis of Rochester.								
Abbe.....	15 96		5	4 35			8	33 31
Arcadia.....	7 08	8 40			14 23		11	34 05
Brighton.....		80 30			9 30		1	70 40
First, Cleveland.....	31 75	23 16		4			9 84	58 75
Clymer Hill.....	6	5 33		5			13	32 33
East Williamson.....	13 64			7 12			6 75	37 51
Farmer.....	9						67 25	76 56
Lodi.....	25	5		3		5	28 50	58 50
Marion.....	36 31	3 30		6 53			11 10	46 24
New York Mills.....	16							16
Ontario.....	2 50	3 38						5 78
Palmyra.....	15 65							15 65
Pultneyville.....	41 16			7			8	56 16
First, Rochester.....	43						5	47
Second, ".....	43 20	23 73				1 39	49 40	116 71
Tyre.....	33 25			2 36				35 71
Classis of Saratoga.								
Boght.....	6			3				8
Burkirk.....	39			10		4	6 30	59 30
Cohoes.....	123 35						50	173 35
Easton.....								
Fort Miller.....	8			4				12
Ganasevoort.....	2 06	1 73					7	10 84
Greenwich.....	43 04	10 78				10	25 25	94 05
Northumberland.....						5	19 05	34 05
Saratoga.....	31 50	13		14		5 70	15	81 30
Schaghticoke.....	8 50							8 50
West Troy, North.....							19 35	19 35
" South.....	32 50			5				37 50
Wynantskill.....	5	5 50				10		30 50
Classis of Schenectady.								
Altamont.....	4			3 50			8	15 50
Amity.....	31 28		100				17 85	149 13
Bellevue.....	22 50	6 01					4 50	31 01
First, Glenville.....	6 98					2 50	17 15	36 57
Second, ".....	10 50						23 06	33 56
Heiderberg.....	3						6	9
Liana's Kill.....	10 80			3 23			17 73	31 86
Mt. Pleasant.....	9 25						9 67	15 08
Niskayuna.....	35	33 23		42 15	10	10	58	186 40
Princeton.....	4 50						10	14 50
First, Rotterdam.....	9 33					5	36 50	51 43
Second, ".....	14 33						10 67	25 58
First, Schenectady.....	77 08			23 38		17 50	232 10	435 06
Second, ".....	33	10 45		10	10 87		71	134 82

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	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Indiv'l's.	Churches	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classis of Schoharie.								
Beaverdam.....	6 15			4				6 15
Berne.....	27 60					10	35 75	78 35
Breakabeen.....	6 23	1 48						7 70
Central Bridge.....	5 47						8	13 47
Cobleskill.....								
Eminence.....								
Gallupville.....			2 55					2 55
Gilboa.....								
Howe's Cove.....	9 81						3 50	12 31
Lawersville.....	8 14						12	20 14
Middleburg.....	33 80						21 82	55 62
Grand Gorge.....	12			5				17
North Blenheim.....	5 50						4	9 50
Prattville.....	18	88		5			3	21 88
Schoharie.....	22 30	20		6 17			19 68	78 73
Sharon.....							6	6
South Gilboa.....								
Classis of Ulster.								
Blue Mountain.....	8 40						5 50	13 90
Comforter.....	20 68	16 33					15 92	53 33
Esopus.....							16	16
Flatbush.....		12 95				5 50	28 42	47 87
Jay Gould Memorial.....	9 13					5	55	69 13
Katsbaan.....	19 50						18	35 50
First, Kingston.....	145 65	42 35				4 18	124 70	316 85
Port Kwen.....	33 64			4 30			11 68	49 63
Plattekill.....	11 81					6		17 81
Saugerties.....	51 91	5	3 39					65 80
Shandaken.....							6	6
Shokan.....							4	4
Stewartville.....								
West Hurley.....							4	4
Woodstock.....								
Classis of Westchester.								
Bronxville.....	31 87	18 34		50	4 83	10	45 63	111 17
Cortlandtown.....								
Greenburg.....	11 25							11 25
Greenville.....							5	5
Hastings.....	25							25
Melroe.....								
Mount Vernon.....	71 81						54 70	126 51
Park Hill.....	11 15	6 34					50	76 49
Peekskill.....	5 35	5 53					10	20 98
First, Tarrytown.....	54 62			25 74			145 50	220 76
Second.....	50		5	27 69	15	8	1 60	102 39
Unionville.....	7 50	69		3 88			2	15 00
Yonkers.....	27 41						84 25	112 30
Classis of Wisconsin.								
Alto.....	112 84						57 05	179 89
Bethany, Chicago.....		26 63					45	71 63
Cedar Grove.....	17 14	2 75		12 27			64 26	97 59
First, Chicago.....		98 39			24 66	5	15	123 81
Danforth.....	25 69	13					14 86	53 43
De Motte.....								

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	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	Lady's.	Churches.	Sunday Schools.	C. E. Societies.		
Classes of Wisconsin. (CONTINUED.)								
Morrison, Ebenezer.....	15 29							15 29
Englewood.....								
Franklin.....	5 21							5 21
Fulton.....	88 79	27 25		11 80	23 53	5 15	9 30	163 62
Gano.....	20 73			6			9 47	45 90
Gibberville.....	25 23						4 38	49 33
Greenbush.....	3 50							3 50
Greenleafston.....	60 37	11	5	12 08			28 59	116 90
Hingham.....	6						14	20
Hope.....	5					70	10	16 70
Kenosha.....	5							5
Koster.....	10 83							10 83
Lafayette.....	5 60						5 75	11 35
Lansing.....	48 85	10						58 85
Milwaukee.....	79 27	12			50		75	216 57
Oostburg.....	16 25							16 25
First, Roseland.....	81 27						32 61	113 88
Randolph Center.....	43 35							43 35
Sheboygan Falls.....	2 50	4 05					19 90	26 45
South Holland.....	28							28
Waupun.....	12 48	14 30		8 70			3 40	38 28

THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

of the

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

The review of another year's work herewith presented to the General Synod calls for grateful acknowledgement to the great Head of the Church, "Whose we are and Whom we serve."

The year has been one of careful planning on the part of your Board, and we are glad to report to Synod that all of its instructions concerning a change in our business management have been carried out to the letter.

"A young man of business education and experience," to quote the words of Synod's Committee, has been secured, in the person of Mr. Louis E. Turk, for many years with the well known firm of Fleming H. Revell Company. Mr. Turk brings to the service of the Board and the Church both the enthusiasm and expe-

rience, which are needed in pushing forward the business operations of the Board. It is to be hoped that the Church will respond with cordial co-operation to this new departure.

The Board, however, has long felt that the business experience of Mr. Richard Brinkerhoff, after nearly a quarter of a century's connection with the Board as our Business Agent, was too valuable to lose, and also, that faithful service should not be forgotten when time makes changes in business administration. We are glad to report to the Synod and to the many friends of Mr. Brinkerhoff in the Reformed Church, that he will be retained in the service of the Church, as Honorary Business Agent, at a nominal salary, which he has generously accepted. Your Board feels that such a happy combination in its business management will bring the Board to "that high standing of efficiency toward which we aim," according to Synod's resolution.

The business of a Church Board of Publication is limited to denominational lines. Church Boards of every name must find their constituency in the Church that creates them. The Board of Publication asks for no wider field of patronage, at present, than that which may be found in the Reformed Church of America. When this is secured the business of the Board will be a source of revenue to the Church. Our Business Agent will do his best to accomplish this result, and the Board asks the Church to respond to his efforts.

In the matter of Sunday School supplies alone, we have entered into contracts with denominational publishing houses, which enable us to furnish our schools with two series of Lesson Helps. The Reformed Series and the Heidelbergh Series, which rank with the best in the market. We need only the patronage of the 923 Sabbath Schools in our denomination to make this part of our business most successful.

There is no reason, either business or other, why *all* the Sunday School supplies used in the Reformed Churches should not be furnished through the agency of our Board. As a Board, we are prepared to furnish *any*

series of lesson helps at lowest current prices, but bespeak for our own publications a fair trial in order to demonstrate their worth in developing and strengthening a healthy denominational life as well as in furnishing a helpful and stimulating study of the Word of God. Fully one-quarter of our Sunday-schools, among them many of the largest, do not obtain their periodical helps from us. We must maintain for the supplying of the other three-quarters a considerable "plant," and to supply the requirements of the missing quarter would subject us to very slight additional expense. It is evident, therefore, that the presence of this quarter on our subscription books would change the present very small profit from this branch of the business to a profit of appreciable size. Even without the custom of these delinquents our profits could be very materially increased were the schools which now order our periodicals through local dealers to order direct from us. These orders are all sent to us and we have the labor and expense of filling them; but more than half our slim profit goes to the middleman.

The other branches of our business need a passing word. Denominational supplies have a restricted field, yet even in this field denominational loyalty insures success. The hymn books authorized by General Synod for use in Church worship, all of which we have in stock, are an important item of business. It is to be hoped that all our Churches will consider the claims of the Board in this matter.

On our shelves are many Sunday School books, as well as other theological works, which we are prepared to sell at nominal prices. The ministry can secure cash discounts for any book in the market, that will make it worth their while to patronize our book-room. We are prepared to meet the book trade of New York City with prices as low as the lowest.

Turning from business to benevolence, the Board feels that the wide difference between receipts and donations in our benevolent account needs a word of explanation. Every application for donations has been heeded where the facts warranted granting the request. But ap-

plications have not been numerous, and a large balance of undistributed benevolence is reported this year. The Board has long felt that a working capital for the publication of Church works of value but not profitable as investment was needed. The surplus of our benevolent account might be used wisely in this direction.

In view of the fact that many Sunday School library books of a past generation, all of a high moral and spiritual tone, are to be found in the stock, and while extremely useful in Sunday School libraries are not in demand, the Board has decided to donate these books to needy schools, and will gladly fill every application from such schools until the supply is exhausted. Applications for donations must be countersigned by the pastor before grants can be made.

The Board has received from Samuel B. Schieffelin, once a member and always a friend of the Board, the gift of a set of plates and an edition of the books "After Death and Other Mysteries" and "Milk for Babes" in Hebrew. The Board has purchased an edition of "Forty Years in South China," or the Life of Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., with the plates.

The reduction of our proportionate share in the expense of the Church Building is a timely and just action on the part of the Board of Direction. For years we have borne a large part of the expense of the Building, but the condition of our business made imperative this reduction.

The contributions from the Churches have amounted to \$1,450.93, a less amount than last year, but the donations have been the smallest in the history of the Board, \$152.80.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire with this meeting of Synod :

Rev. A. J. Sebring,
 " H. C. Berg, D.D.,
 " T. J. Kommers,
 " H. M. Cox.

Mr. J. D. McCroskery,
 " Geo. C. Morgan,
 " A. C. Holdrum,
 " George Booth.

There are also two vacancies in the Board, Mr. Geo.

Bingham having resigned, and Mr. Samuel Rowland, who was elected last year, having declined to serve.

Appended herewith are the reports of the Treasurer and the Business Agent of the Board, to which we refer the Synod for the details of both business and benevolence. A single note of explanation may be needed in the item of stock as per inventory. The amount \$7,015.36 as against \$11,270.85 reported last year is accounted for by the valuation made by the new Business Agent, with the hearty approval of the Board.

**BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS AND RE-
PRINTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 29, 1899.**

<i>No.</i>	<i>Publications.</i>	<i>Quantity.</i>
1.	Leaflet, Summer Evangelical Tour, No. 1.....	1,000
2.	" " " " " 2.....	1,000
3.	Annual Report Board of Direction.....	1,750
4.	Leaflet, Special Gifts.....	1 000
5.	" Our Indian Mission.....	1,000
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13.	" Hopeful Outlook.....	1,000
14.	" Annual Report W. E. C.....	4,000
15.	Annual Report Board of Domestic Missions.....	2,500
16.	" " " " Education.....	7,500
17.	" " " " Publication.....	1,700
18.	After Death.....	1,000
19.	Minutes of General Synod '98.....	1,400
20.	Pastors' Topic Cards.....	600
21.	Leaflet, A Camp Meeting.....	1,000
22.	Rev. Dr. Corwin's Ecclesiastical Archives Report.....	500
23.	Bible Lessons, by Rev. G. H. Berg.....	100
24.	Pastors' Association Constitution.....	200
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Church Register.....	2
Milk for Babes.....	1,000
Compendium 32mo.....	2,138
Heidelberg Catechism.....	500
Psalms for Resp. Reading.....	700

RICHARD BRINKERHOFF,

LOUIS E. TURK,

May 8, 1899.

Business Managers.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

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DONATIONS. '98-'99.

11 Centennial Discourses to Theological Sem'y New Brunswick	33 00
Christian Praise and Psalms to Rutgers College.....	17 79
10 Christian Praise to Hicksville Reformed Church.....	5 00
70 Reformed Quarterlies to Bethel Mission, New Brunswick ...	2 10
Publications to Life Members.....	1 61
“ “ “ “	80
Assorted Lot of Books to Y. M. C. A., Rutgers College.....	16 00
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TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY 1, 1899.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
May 1, 1898. Balance on		For Merchandise.....	\$15,693 23
hand.....	\$2,911 21	" Rent.....	1,500 00
Receipts from Deposit-		" Salaries.....	2,812 00
ory.	18,485 83	" Janitor.....	76 80
Contributions.....	1,450 98	" Coal and Gas	52 41
Royalties.....	10 77	" Advertising.....	70 20
Interest.....	89 70	" Insurance.....	35 00
		" Postage, expressage	
		and miscellaneous. . .	1,166 36
		Balance.....	1,492 44
	<u>\$22,898 44</u>		<u>\$22,898 44</u>

Examined and found correct.

WM. J. LEGGETT,

Finance Committee.

ASSETS, MAY 1, 1899.

Stock as per Inventory.....	\$7,015 36
Accounts as per Ledger.....	\$4,010 82
Less Accounts not yet due.....	1,844 45
Furniture and Fixtures.....	323 50
Balance in Banks.....	1,492 44
On hand in Depository.....	747 90
	<u>\$11,745 57</u>
Liabilities.....	2,700 58
	<u>\$9,044 99</u>
Net Assets.....	

